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Geissler's Opens New Supermarket On Suffield Street

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The cars started trickling into the parking lot before the doors opened on Monday morning.

By mid-morning, the Southgate Plaza parking lot was jammed as shoppers turned out for the long-awaited opening of **Geissler's Supermarket**.

Store personnel were still putting on the finishing touches—polishing a window, putting up pricing signs—as their first customers came through the doors.

Among the first browsers in the greeting card aisle were Shirley Juliano and her seven year-old daughter, Ashley.

Mrs. Juliano often does her shopping in the hour interval between dropping her daughters off at school and has been looking forward to the return of the neighborhood grocery store.

"I've lived in Agawam all my life and I support local stores," Mrs. Juliano said.

An elderly resident of South Street seemed to sum up the sentiments of the early morning shoppers: "I'm so glad this place is finally open. I'm so tired of traveling so far whenever I run out of something."

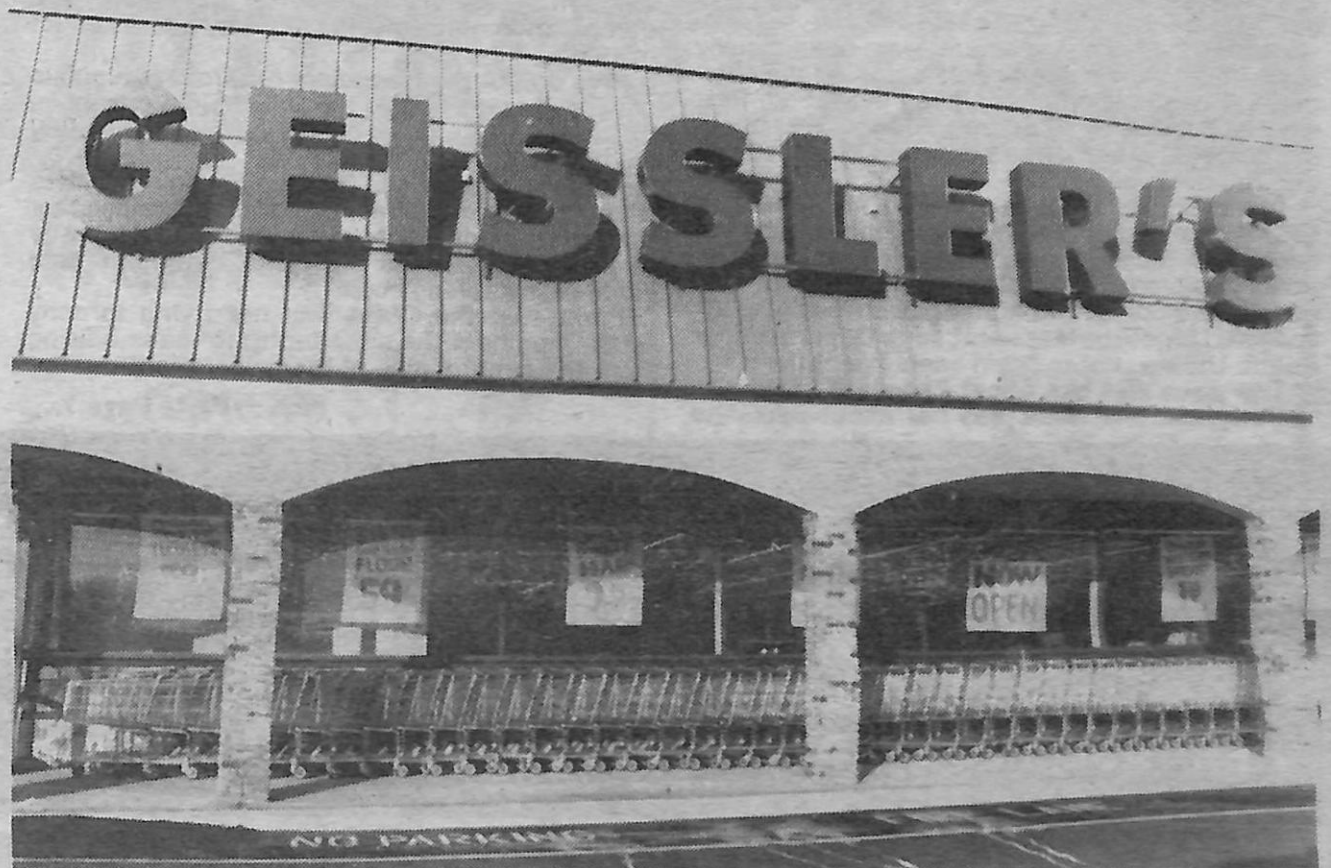
It had been two years and a day since Big Y moved its operation to West Springfield, leaving the neighborhood with one less shopping option and the plaza with two vacant anchor stores.

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Fire House Museum Drive Underway



DESPITE AGAWAM'S rich and varied history, there has never been a museum in town to house and protect its historical treasures. After serving the town since 1918, the old Fire House on Elm Street has been secured for use as a town historical museum. The Agawam Historical Association has established a Fire House Museum Fund. SEE RELATED STORY ON PAGE 6.



THE NEW GEISSLER'S SUPERMARKET is located at 830 Suffield Street, Agawam, in the Southgate Shopping Plaza. Geissler's opened its doors on Monday, November 18th, after a \$1.6 million renovation of the former Big Y building. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Over 200 Attend...

State DPU Holds Hearing On Berkshire

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

State, county, and local officials sent the same message to the State Department of Public Utilities (DPU) at Tuesday night's hearing: preserve the sanctity of home rule by denying Berkshire Power's petition for an exemption from the town's zoning laws to build a gas-fired power plant off Shoemaker Lane.

DPU hearing officer Robert Rasmussen listened to more than four hours of testimony as dozens of speakers on both sides of the controversy alternately described the proposal as an economic boon for the region or an assault on the health, safety, and property values of its neighbors.

Rasmussen said a date will be set for an evidentiary hearing to be held in Boston to hear arguments from the petitioner and from interested parties who have been granted intervenor status. Rasmussen said the deadline for filing for intervenor status is November 26th.

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After the hearing, the DPU will make its decision based on whether or not the company has met the standards exempting public service corporations from local zoning ordinances (that may prevent the construction or operation of structures reasonably necessary for the convenience and welfare of the public), Rasmussen said.

The DPU decision can be appealed to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Stat Representative Daniel Keenan said an exemption to the local zoning code "must only be done in the rarest of circumstances, meeting the strictest of standards. I don't feel we're dealing with one of those situations."

Keenan said the power plant was a commercial enterprise for profit and should be expected to comply with community standards.

Keenan said it was not the government's role to ensure the success of a commercial enterprise, and he questioned the government's role in negating a community's standards by setting a precedent that would have an effect on 350 other municipalities.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Ronald Hebert delivered a unanimous decision urging the DPU to deny Berkshire's petition and to let the judicial process of appeal continue for the abutters, who were aggrieved by the board's decision not to appeal the favorable summary judgment granted to Berkshire Power by Judge William Welch last spring.

Hebert said Berkshire Power had appealed the original ZBA decision denying a special permit and was now seeking to deny any other aggrieved party the same right to appeal.

Hebert said the statement was unanimously supported by the entire board, including the alternates. The statement was signed by Hebert, Raymond Gendron, and Doreen Prouty, the board members who heard the case and rendered the original decision.

Town Councilor Dennis Perry presented the DPU with a copy of the resolution passed by the council at Monday night's meeting. The resolution "deplored the possible exemptions of proposed developments ... from Agawam's zoning by-laws and urged the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities not to grant such exemptions."

The Issue Was Not About Berkshire Power...

Perry said the issue was not about Berkshire

Power, but about upholding his oath of office by defending the town's zoning laws. "I'm all for business development as long as they abide by our zoning laws," Perry said.

Perry's remarks were echoed by Councilors David Skolnick, Kent Servis, Gary Suffriti, and Edward Caba. Councilor Thomas Ennis, the sponsor of the council resolution, attended the hearing but did not speak.

Caba denounced any attempt by an outside agency to override local zoning laws as an attack on the town's small-town character.

"There is an appeals process," Caba said. "Let that go forward."

Suffriti said, "It all boils down to a buck. What price will we pay to step and trod over our zoning laws?"

Servis said the issue was the "sanctity of home rule" and that it was "abhorrent" for any state board to even consider overturning local zoning laws.

Council President Nancy Thompson, along with Councilors George Bitzas and Joseph Langone, said their work schedules would not allow them to attend the hearing. Councilor Chris Quatrone said he would be attending a graduate school course and did not expect to be back in time for the hearing.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson did not attend.

Hampden County Commissioner-elect Abe Kasparian denounced the exemption as an assault on the community.

Speaking on behalf of the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA), Kenneth Forni charged that Berkshire Power was seeking an exemption before the laws governing the deregulation of the electric industry go into effect in 1998.

"We do not think a project for profit is a public service. So why should the DPU help a private industry get the jump on everybody else?" Forni said.

Forni acknowledged that the Energy Facilities Siting Board has already ruled there is a need for the power plant, but he questioned the necessity of building the plant on a site that Forni said violates the zoning code.

Forni said the CCBA was not trying to deny union members the opportunity to make a living from the construction of the power plant.

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Agawam Arrest Blotter (Nov. 3rd—Nov. 17th)

On November 3, 1996, **Neville A. Chambers** of 53 Allen Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On November 4, 1996, **Carol L. Beebe** of 63 Weymouth School Road, Enfield, CT, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

On November 4, 1996, **Thomas Vanzandt** of 16F Mansion Woods, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person.

On November 5, 1996, **Rose M. Dalpy** of 1 Brook Street, Holyoke, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On November 7, 1996, **Robert C. Remillard** of 94 Pineview Circle, Agawam, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery, assault & battery with a dangerous weapon, and larceny under \$250.

On November 8, 1996, **William E. Poirier, Jr.** of 315 Springfield Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery.

On November 9, 1996, **James E. Bottom** of 58 Regency Park Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

On November 9, 1996, **Bruce E. Stanton** of 77 High Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On November 11, 1996, **James K. Wolf** of 23 Salle Circle, Ludlow, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On November 14, 1996, **Shawn Loughman** of 36 Plante Circle, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with shoplifting and an outstanding warrant.

On November 14, 1996, **Nora Yvon** of 25 Emerald Street, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance.

On November 14, 1996, **Paul J. Krawalec** of 21 Grove Avenue, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with shoplifting.

On November 17, 1996, **Mark Fontaine** of 154 Walnut Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

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Letters To The Editor

Agawam Site Recommended For State Veterans' Cemetery

To The Editor:

Last Thursday near closing time, Jeanne Armstrong and Peter LaBarbera came to my office; they had just returned from a meeting with the Commissioner of Veterans' Services in Boston. They told me how Agawam will be the recommended site for the first State Veterans' Cemetery. We're so proud for our community, so appreciative for what this will mean for veterans.

Agawam deserves this honor because it has always been there for its veterans, a perfect example being Ed Squazza, not a veteran himself, to give so generously to provide a beautiful cemetery for those who gave so much for us.

Working with needy veterans, I've always noticed in taking application for benefits, that very few have burial insurance. If we all help to make this project a reality, veterans will be provided free of charge: a burial plot for veteran, spouse, and dependent children, burial marker, a military committal service, perpetual care of graves, and accessibility for their families in Western Mass. to visit graves of loved ones and accompany them to their final resting place. Many times due to distance and traffic, families miss the scheduled committal service for their loved one at the National Cemetery in Bourne.

A special thank you to State Senator Linda J. Melconian and the Western Mass. delegation for being instrumental in having the necessary funding allocated for a site plan study.

For the past six weeks we've been assisting Land Use Inc. in their efforts to put a factual report together regarding the Agawam site. Teamwork at its finest prevailed at Town Hall.

None of this could have happened without the cooperation and expertise of Chet Nicora, Town Assessor, and his staff, especially Joanne Candido; Debbie Dachos, our Town Planner; Jim Daley, Town Engineer; Jack Stone, Director of Dept. of Public Works; and the support and encouragement of Chris Johnson, our Mayor. All have agreed to continue their assistance and support throughout the project.

As part of the package to be submitted to the legislature, we are asking members of the community to write a letter of support for a State cemetery to be located in Agawam. Please mail letters to State Senator Linda J. Melconian and State Rep. Dan Keenan with a copy to my office at Town Hall.

Your letters will be included in the entire proposal to be submitted to the legislature for the State's share of state and federal matching funds needed. Copies of sample letters will be on hand in our office. Your input is very important.

We have a need for additional acreage. Norm McMahon, Commander of V.F.W. Post 1632, is working hard to help us in this regard. V.F.W. will be donating approximately two to three acres, and Norm has been checking other areas as well.

There will be suitable recognition for anyone helping with acreage. We will be planning a bronze dedication plaque to be located at the cemetery site.

For further information, contact Veterans' Services, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237.

Sincerely,
Ruth Bitzas
Veterans' Agent

Junior Troop 549 Girl Scouts Help Flag Veterans' Graves

To The Editor:

Members of the Agawam Veterans' Council would like to extend a special thank you to Junior Troop 549 for their assistance in flagging graves for Veterans' Day.

Leader Kathy Keenan and co-leader Helen Klimczak, along with scouts Kelly Doyle, Ciara Groom, Rachel Keenan, Irene Klimczak, and Elizabeth Klimczak, worked diligently replacing faded and tattered flags.

We greatly appreciate their taking time out to lend a helping hand as we honor our veterans and look forward to working with them again next year.

Agawam Veterans' Council
Ruth Bitzas, Veterans' Agent

Cub Scout Pack 75 Thanks Agawam Advertiser News

To The Editor:

Pack 75 once again would like to thank the staff of *The Agawam Advertiser News* for all of the coverage they have given us in the paper.

We have a lot of articles going in, and we appreciate this. We like the folks in our community to know we are around and have been for the past 18 years.

They help support our fundraisings, and the least we can do is show them what we are all about. The only way we can reach everyone is through our town paper.

Special thanks to Ric Sardella, his staff, and our community people, too. We hope you will all continue to support Park 75 of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills.

Sincerely Yours,
John Hallbauer, Cubmaster
Nancy Hallbauer, Chairperson
Pack 75

Ag. Golden Agers (Chap. 2) Enjoy Trip To Las Vegas

To The Editor:

Up, up, and away!
Frank Paradiso, the 1996 winner of the Andrew J. Gallano Award, and a group of Agawam Golden Agers (Chapter 2) flew to Las Vegas recently.

Our hotel was the 4,032-room Excalibur Hotel, and it was a thing of beauty!

Sincerely,
Eddie Barako
Feeding Hills

Agawam Revolver Club Deserves Coverage In AAN

To The Editor:

My name is ROBERT J. SHIELDS and I have subscribed to your paper for years. In your November 14, 1996 issue, I found that you are misrepresenting yourself to the Town of Agawam when you say (quote) "no one covers all the hometown news like us each week." I found 11 such quotes in this particular issue, and this appears (to me) to be a misstatement of fact.

In all the years I have been reading your

newspaper, I cannot remember any mention of the AGAWAM REVOLVER CLUB. This club was founded in 1933, and I am the only surviving original member. We have been in operation for 63 years, teaching the proper use of firearms.

On November 10, 1996, we held our annual meeting at the Polish American Club. At that time, I asked a director of the club if an account of our meeting would appear in *The Agawam Advertiser News*. The reply was that your paper would NOT accept any news of the Agawam Revolver Club's activities.

This suggests to me that you, as a company, do not believe in the Constitution of the United States. Now, I hope that what I have said about your paper is not true and that if the directors of the Agawam Revolver Club present you with notices on club activities, you would be happy to print them.

Sincerely,
Robert J. Shields
Agawam

Registrar Of Deeds Congratulates Kasparian

To The Editor:

To Mr. Abe Kasparian:
Dear Mr. Kasparian:

Congratulations on your election to the Hampden County Commission.

As always I want you to know I am available to discuss issues concerning the Hampden County Registry of Deeds with you. You have demonstrated a zeal to be a hands-on administrator. This approach to solving commission problems can help resolve many situations and serve the needs of the residents of Hampden County.

Sincerely Yours,
Donald E. Ashe
Register of Deeds

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Wednesday, November 27th
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At Agawam High School
7:00 p.m.
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Fundraising Drive Underway For Old Elm St. Fire Station

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

When they moved into their new fire headquarters around the corner, firefighters from the old Elm Street Station left behind a few tangible reminders of the firehouse's 70-year history.

A single yellow fireproof jacket still hangs on the wall; a couple of pairs of boots still sit on the shelf; a locker or two still bears the names of Agawam firefighters.

These bits and pieces of a fire station's landscape didn't make it to the new station, but they could turn out to be the beginning of the collection on display at the Agawam Historical and Fire House Museum planned for the former station.

Built circa 1918 as the town's first fire station specifically designed and constructed as a fire house, the Elm Street Station will be used to house and protect the town's historical treasures under the auspices of the Agawam Historical Association.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said the town will retain ownership of the building and the Historical Association will operate a fire house museum downstairs and an historical museum upstairs.

Last week, Historical Association President Richard Bellico announced the start of a membership and fundraising drive with a goal of collecting \$25,000 in contributions to renovate the building and make it handicap accessible.

Bellico said the outside of the building will remain the same (with the exception of minor structural changes necessary for wheelchair access to both the first and second floors).

Inside, the plans call for restoring as much of the original walls and ceilings as possible.

"The second floor wainscoting will stay and possibly the original ceiling, depending on its condition once the drop ceiling is removed," Bellico said.

Historical Association board members say there are looking to the community for monetary donations, as well as the in-kind donations from local contractors that will be needed to stay within budget. Agawam High School students were among the first to donate their services.

Architectural plans and drawings were prepared by AHS students Kenneth Smyth, Jeremy Rodier, Joseph Diabo, Richard Cross, Theresa Brown, and Dan Yon (under the supervision of drafting teacher John Magdycz).

With the goal of creating a fire museum in mind as soon as plans for a new headquarters were announced, retired Fire Chief Russell Jenks has been scouring town records for any information related to the Elm Street Station since his retirement three years ago.

Originally called a "hose house," the station was the first to be built in the Agawam central district. In 1953, the town agreed to move the station to its present location to make room for an expansion project at the adjacent Agawam Baptist Church.

Jenks said several retired Agawam firefighters are working with him on the project, and they are

hoping townspeople will come forward with any documents, photos, or memorabilia related to the department's history.

Private collections could be donated or loaned to the museum, Jenks said.

Some Items That Have Been Donated...

Among the items already being held by the town or by Historical Association members for display are a 1930 International 500-gallon pump truck; spikes from one of Agawam's covered bridges; a basket made by one of the last Agawam Indians living here; and memorabilia from the World War II supply ship, "The USS Agawam."

Johnson said the mementoes presented to the town at a recent reunion of the "Agawam's" crew include a listing of the 1946 crew, photos, a commemorative plate, and the original flag taken off the boat at the end of the war.

"What we envision for the museum is having a set-up where we could rotate what's on display," Johnson said.

Bellico said he hoped the establishment of the dual museum would help build a sense of community spirit.

"This is an opportunity for people to come together," Bellico said.

Association member John Zebryk said the Fire House Museum in South Hadley served as a model for what is being planned on Elm Street.

"We're going to have hands-on exhibits for the kids as well as historical documents," Zebryk said. "We'd like to have a sports section to preserve Agawam's rich sports heritage. We're asking fathers and grandfathers to dig into their albums and produce the memorabilia that will ensure the sports legacy of the town is preserved."

Historical Association memberships are available for students, seniors, individuals, and families at rates ranging from \$5 to \$20. Patrons donate \$100 and are listed in the association's annual report.

The Agawam Historical and Fire Museum Fund offers membership in the Chief's Circle (\$1,000), the Captain's Society (\$500), and the Volunteer Society (\$250). Donations of all amounts will be gratefully accepted, and the names of contributors of \$250 or more will have their names inscribed on a plaque which will be permanently on display, Bellico said.

Other fundraising efforts include the sale of Agawam history books, fire station mugs and prints, and a historically accurate kit depicting the station for use with H/O trains.

Designed by a local model train enthusiast, the kit is accurate down to the lights, call box, and tanks in the back of the station, Jenks said. The kits sell for \$80 and can be obtained from any association member (along with the other promotional items).

Contributions can be sent to the Agawam Historical Association, P.O. Box 552, Agawam, MA 01001. For more information, contact Association President Richard Bellico at (413) 568-9147, ext. 224.

The Veterans' Corner VA Compensations And Pensions

Q. Are World War II veterans automatically eligible for the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) benefits at age 65?

A. No. VA used to presume veterans 65 and over were permanently and totally disabled. To currently qualify for a pension, veterans of all ages must now be rated permanently and totally disabled and meet other requirements, including honorable wartime service and income and net worth limitations.

Q. I realize that VA pensions can be reduced as a result of other income a veteran receives. Will my VA pension be reduced because of compensation I received to repair damage to my home due to flooding caused by a hurricane?

A. Not necessarily. If you receive benefits under the improved pension program, compensation for damages to your home is not considered income for pension purposes (as long as it is not more than repair costs). However, if you started receiving a pension before 1979, the payments might be considered income and should be reported to VA.

Q. Are veterans with compensable service-connected disabilities required to pay a funding fee for VA home loan guarantee?

A. No, these veterans are exempt. Also exempt are surviving spouses of veterans who died as a result of service where the spouse never married.

Q. Can I be granted disability compensation from the VA for a medical condition that was directly caused by medication prescribed by VA for my service-connected disability?

A. Yes. You should file a claim for service-connection for the secondary condition as being due to, or the result of, the original disease or injury.

Q. I receive military retirement pay for my 25 years in the Army; I also receive disability compensation from VA for a 40-percent disability I received during service. What is the advantage of having my military retirement pay reduced by the amount of any VA disability compensation?

A. Disability compensation is not subject to federal income tax. You are, however, required to pay income tax on regular retirement pay.

Q. I'm a retired Army captain and have applied for disability compensation from VA. Will my compensation be based on my military pay grade?

A. No. Compensation rates are set according to the degree of disability, regardless of rank or pay grade.

If you have any questions regarding the aforementioned information, contact Veterans' Agent Ruth C. Bitzas at the Agawam Town Hall (786-0400, ext. 236).

(Next week: "VA Adds Cancers To List Of Radiation-Caused Diseases.")

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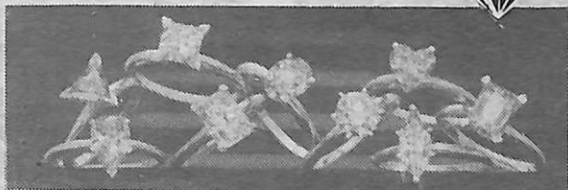
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1996, at 6:40 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of ATTORNEY FRANCIS COLLINS, who is seeking relief from Section 180-27 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the separation of two single family residential structures at the premises identified as 35-37 SUFFIELD STREET.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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GEISSLER'S SUPERMARKETS officials were at the front door of the brand new store in the Southgate Plaza on Monday, November 18th. **TOP PHOTO** - Mary Nilsson, Daniel Nilsson, Dennis Rybick, James Nilsson, and Joan Nilsson. **BELOW** - Daniel Nilsson, Dennis Rybick, Tom Scavotto, and Jim Nilsson. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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GEISSLER - from Page 1...

Jim Nilsson, Geissler's Chief Executive Officer and grandson of the family owned and operated grocery chain's founder, said the particular focus of the chain has been the perishable foods aisles.

"Our bakery, deli, produce, and meat departments are where we feel we're the strongest," Nilsson said. "After all, anyone can sell a can of peas."

Alternative To Restaurant Dining

With a prepared foods department offering items ranging from appetizers to entrees to individually packaged meals complete with meat, potato, and vegetable, the store reflects a national trend offering people with no time to cook an alternative to restaurant dining.

"People are looking for quick solutions to meals," Nilsson said. "Rather than going out to eat, we're trying to bring them to the store to spend their total food dollar."

The Agawam store is the fifth in the **Geissler's Supermarkets** chain launched in Broadbrook, Connecticut by Adolph Geissler in 1923 and the only grocery chain store in town that is American owned and operated, Nilsson said.

"Both Stop & Shop and Foodmart are owned by foreign corporations," Nilsson said. "With closer ties to the local people, we're able to get to know people by their names, rather than being a big corporation."

Nilsson said most of the store's 125 employees are local people including front end manager Michelina Woods, meat manager Jim Moriarty, frozen foods and dairy manager Paul Delpeschio, and grocery manager Dan Taupier, a graduate of Agawam High School.

Originally from Agawam, Taupier is looking forward to making contact with people he hasn't seen in years and providing the kind of customer service rarely found in the larger chains.

"I'm having signs made up telling the customers to ask us if they can't find something," Taupier said. "We can get just about anything people want and we make the effort to find whatever our customers are looking for. It's nice to be able to come back and work in the town where I grew up," Taupier said.

Nilsson said the company spent \$1.6 million in renovations taking the store right down to the cinder block walls to give it the same look as the chain's newest stores. It is the chain's only Massachusetts store.

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Council Votes 10-1 To Condemn Any State Override Of Local Zoning

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In a rare moment of consensus and compromise, Town Council voted 10-1 in favor of a resolution condemning state overrides of Agawam zoning by-laws for any entity now or in the future.

Council Vice President Jill Simpson reversed her vote barring a move to suspend the council's rules in order to consider the resolution. This came after she received assurances from her colleagues that the measure was not aimed at the \$180 million Berkshire Power Plant.

The resolution was presented on Tuesday to the Department of Public Utilities at the public hearing called to consider Berkshire Power's request for an exemption from the town's zoning by-laws in order to build a 252 megawatt power plant off Shoemaker Lane.

Mrs. Simpson was praised by her fellow councilors for having the courage to change her mind after she became the swing vote needed to bring Councilor Thomas Ennis' resolution up for discussion at Monday night's meeting.

"In the true spirit of the holidays, we found it within ourselves to do the right thing," Ennis said.

Mrs. Simpson joined councilors Kent Servis, David Skolnick, Gary Suffriti, Edward Caba, Thomas Ennis, Joseph Langone, and Dennis Perry in voting to reconsider "a resolution deploring the possible exemptions of proposed developments ... from Agawam's zoning by-laws and urging the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) not to grant such exemptions."

Voting against reconsideration were Council President Nancy Thompson and Councilors George Bitzas and Chris Quatrone.

Amended Version Of Resolution Approved

After more than an hour of discussion, an amended version of the resolution was approved by all councilors except Edward Caba, who cast the sole "no" vote.

In the amended version, the word "circumvent" (zoning by-laws) was changed to "override" (zoning by-laws) at the request of Langone, to remove the negative connotations attached to the word "circumvent."

Also, the amended version left out specific references to Berkshire Power referring, rather, to the council's strong objection to any proposed non-specific exemption from the Agawam zoning by-laws for any entity now or in the future.

Voting against the amended version, Caba said the resolution was "better as presented before the amendments."

Earlier, Caba said, "This is not a Berkshire Power issue. It's an issue that involves 350 other cities and towns of the Commonwealth. When an entity can come in and override the city by-laws to further any endeavor, they're taking away the rights of the people."

Mrs. Simpson said, "I'm putting my trust in my fellow councilors that this has nothing to do with Berkshire Power. I've asked myself how hard I would fight against a different situation, like putting a jail here. How much do we want other people looking over our shoulders?"

Ennis said he was obsessed with preserving Agawam's small town character and urged the council to take a look at the direction the town is headed in.

"We have a new highway down the middle of town with a rash of accidents. We're getting into a discussion of adult entertainment. And there's the possibility of a shopping complex on Tennis Road that could need a zoning override," Ennis said.

After the meeting, Councilors Thompson, Bitzas, Langone, and Quatrone all agreed that the generically worded resolution would send the right message to the DPU to support home rule on zoning issues.

Keenan Announces Council On Aging Grant For Agawam

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to announce that the Agawam Council on Aging has been awarded a service incentive grant of \$2,000. The award will be used to employ a special projects coordinator for the COA.

The award is designed to enable Councils on Aging to address service or support priorities established through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Grants may serve as model projects, provide for administrative cost savings, offer access to elders otherwise ineligible for services, or expand programs for which there is a demonstrated need.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 5, 1996 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a proposed amendment to Chapter 180 of the Code of the Town of Agawam entitled "Zoning," more specifically, the creation of an Adult Use Ordinance. A copy of the proposal can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office.

BY ORDER OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Published: November 21, 1996

Best local news...

Rep. Keenan Says Agawam To Receive Fire Education Grant

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has announced that the Agawam Fire Department is slated to receive a Student Awareness Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) grant for fiscal year 1997 of \$5,000. S.A.F.E. grants are used to promote fire safety programs in the schools through the local fire departments.

The grants are awarded through the Executive Office of Public Safety and are determined by the S.A.F.E. Advisory Board. The awards process was very competitive this year, with a 36-percent increase in applications.



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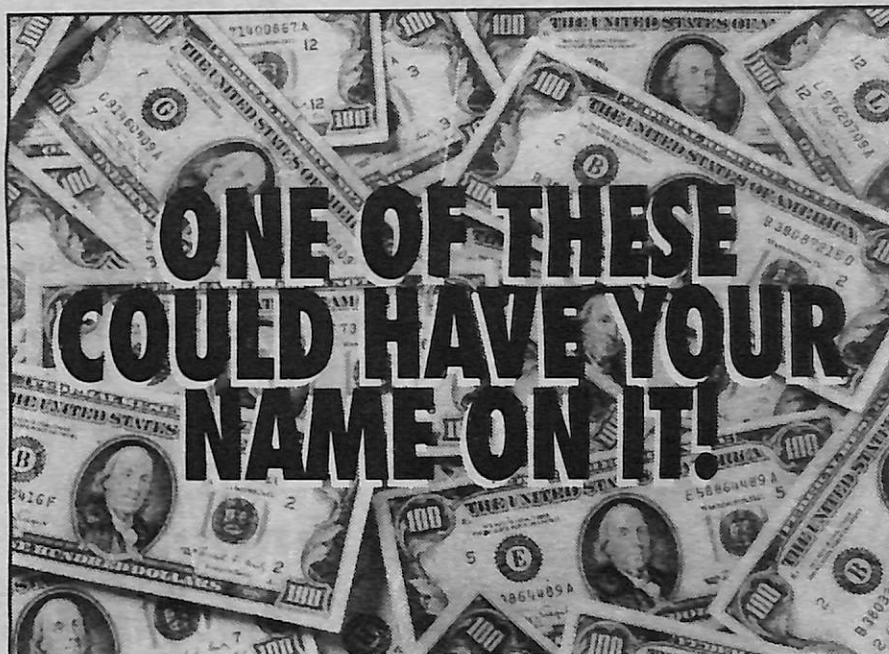


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Agawam Obituaries

John S. Sarat

John S. Sarat, 92, of Agawam, longtime owner and operator of Sarat Motor Sales, the oldest auto agency in Agawam, died in a local nursing home. He began his career in the automobile business as a salesman and mechanic at Holcomb Automobile Agency in Southwick.

In March 1929, he established a partnership with Everett Jasmin for the sale of automobiles, and they opened their new enterprise at 274 Springfield Street.

When the car market slumped and capital was short, the business could not provide two incomes. Rather than close the new business, he bought out his partner and assumed full ownership. He manned the gas pumps, attended to mechanical and business details and the one-man dealership survived, making Sarat one of Agawam's first successful automobile pioneers.

After selling Ford cars and trucks since 1939, Sarat resigned his associated dealership with the Natick division of Ford in 1955 and was awarded a direct franchise confirmed by Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, Michigan, on February 3, 1955. He had also been employed as a truck driver and farmer.

Born in Ludlow, he and his family moved to a farm in Southwick. He had been a longtime resident of Agawam. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. He was an Army veteran of World War II, having attained the rank of staff sergeant with the 548th Ordinance Group. He was a member of the West Springfield Elks Club and the American Legion Post 185. He was an original member of the Polish American Club in Agawam.

He leaves his wife, the former Agatha M. Homicki; a sons, John S. Jr. of Westfield; three daughters, Judith A. Quinlan of Southboro, Joyce M. White of Cumberland, Maine, and Janet M. Knapp of Westfield; two sisters, Adele Ross of Westfield and Katherine Kutz of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; and nine grandchildren.

The funeral was from the Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, followed by services in the church and burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Infant Toddler, 17 Winter St., Springfield 01103 or to the Easter Seal Society, 1111 Elm St., West Springfield 01089.

Almon T. Carpenter

Almon T. ("Blondie") Carpenter, 86, of 73 Ridgeway Drive, Agawam, a 41-year supervisor at the former Moore Drop Forge Co. in Chicopee, died in a local nursing home. Born in Colton, California, he was raised and schooled in Worcester and Springfield.

He lived in Springfield most of his life. He was a member of the Samuel D. Sherwood Masonic Lodge and the Melha Shrine Temple, both in Springfield. He moved here in 1972, and attended the Bethany Assembly of God Church.

He leaves his wife of 66 years, the former Miriam White; two sons, Theodore and Robert of Clearwater, Florida; a daughter, Betty Ann Hackett of Port Trevorton, Pennsylvania; five brothers, Alton of Longmeadow, Herbert of Agawam, Gordon of East Longmeadow, Richard of Michigan, and Hiram of Franklin; two sisters, Thelma Psholka of West Springfield, and Esther Carvel of Brattleboro, Vermont; 11 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Another son, Donald, died in 1990.

The funeral was in the church, with burial in Center Cemetery. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, 01104, or the church on Main Street, Agawam, 01001.

W. Roger Beaulieu

W. Roger Beaulieu, 81, of 76 James St., Feeding Hills, died recently at home. He was a 15-year steamfitter at West Springfield's former Ivy Engineering, retiring in 1977.

He previously worked at the former Fred McLean Plumbing and Heating in Springfield, and was a self-employed steamfitter in Maine. Born in Riviere Du Loup, Quebec, Canada, he came to this country in 1935.

He lived in Madawaska, Maine, and in Springfield before moving here in 1968. He was a former communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Springfield.

He leaves his wife of 61 years, the former Marguerite S. Pelletier; two sons, Malcolm H. of Manchester, New Hampshire, and Michael L. of New Boston, New Hampshire; three daughters, Muriel M. Birchenough of Feeding Hills, Mary Lynn Carleton of Ware, and Francine Y. Dinkel of New Boston; a brother, Benoit of Florida; four

sisters, Madelaine Lambert of Holton, Maine, Rita Porter of Edmonston, New Brunswick, Canada, Jemma LaJoie of Montreal, Quebec, and Pauline of Florida; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Another son, Jean Marc Beaulieu, died as an infant.

The funeral was at Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, and in Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, all in Agawam.

Caroline E. Norton

Caroline E. (Gray) Norton, 98, formerly of Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, died in a local nursing home. She was most recently a packer at the former Diamond International Co. in Springfield, and retired in 1963.

Born in Stafford Springs, Connecticut, she spent most of her life in Springfield. She moved here four years ago. She attended the Trinity United Methodist Church in Springfield.

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Agawam Animal Control Officer Reminds Residents About Bylaws

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Section 96-1. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter, the following interpretations shall be placed on the words and phrases hereinafter mentioned:

AGAWAM CODE

ANIMAL SHELTER—Any premises designated by the town administrative authority for the purpose of impounding and caring for animals held under authority of this chapter.

DOG OFFICER—Any person or persons appointed by the Mayor as the Dog Officer or Officers under the provisions of MGL C. 140, Sections 151 and 151A to carry out the provisions of this chapter. In the absence or vacancy in the office or unavailability of the Dog Officer, the town's Inspector of Animals or his deputy shall perform the duties of the Dog Officer(s).

OWNER—Any person owning, keeping, or harboring dogs.

PERSON—An individual, partnership, company, or corporation.

RESTRAINT—A dog shall be deemed to be under restraint if on the premises of the owner or, if outside the premises of the owner, accompanied by a person who shall have the dog under control by holding it firmly on a leash no greater than six (6) feet in length.

VETERINARY HOSPITAL—An establishment maintained and operated by a licensed veterinarian for the boarding of animals or the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and injuries of animals.

Section 96-2. DOG IDENTIFICATION TAGS.

Every person issued a license in accordance

with the provisions of MGL C. 140, Section 137 for a dog owned or kept within the town will also receive an identification tag from the Town Clerk's office. The identification tag shall be a durable tag stamped with an identifying number and of a particular shape, to signify the specific year of issuance. Tags will be so designed that they may conveniently be fastened to the dog's collar or harness. Dogs must wear identification tags at all times when the animal is off the premises of the owner. The Dog Officer shall maintain a record of the identifying numbers and shall make this record available to the public.

Section 96-4. RESTRAINT OF DOGS.

No person shall own, keep or harbor in the Town of Agawam outside the confines of the owner's property (meaning owned, rented or leased) any dog which is not held firmly on a leash, no longer than six (6) feet, by a person who shall have control of such a dog.

Section 96-5. IMPOUNDMENT OF UNRESTRAINED DOGS; RECLAMATION

A. Unrestrained dogs may be taken by police or the Dog Officer and impounded in an animal shelter and there confined in a humane manner. If by an identification tag or by other means the owner can be identified, the Dog Officer shall immediately upon impoundment notify the owner of the impoundment of the animal.

B. Impounded dogs shall be kept for ten (10) days unless reclaimed by their owners. Dogs not claimed by their owners within ten (10) days, or placed in suitable new homes, may be humanely euthanized by the Dog Officer or by an agency delegated by him to exercise that authority. In addition to or in lieu of impounding a dog found at large, the Dog Officer or police officer may issue to the known owner of such dog a notice of ordinance violation.

FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Proper Use Of Wood Stoves

The use of wood stoves has significantly increased in recent years. Unfortunately, wood stove and chimney fires have also increased. Wood stoves require extra care in installing, operating, and maintaining as compared to conventional heat sources.

Use the following steps when deciding to purchase, install, and use a woodburning stove in your home:

- Purchase only wood stoves that have been listed by a recognized testing agency, such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL).

- Contact your appropriate building official to ascertain whether a building permit is required for wood stove installation.

- Have the wood stove installed by a professional. Then have the completed installation inspected.

Once installed:

- Keep all flammable material at least three feet from the wood stove.

- Purchase a screen to place around the wood stove to prevent children and pets from being accidentally burned. Never leave children unattended in the room with the wood stove while a fire is burning.

- Burn only dry, well-seasoned wood.

- Never use a flammable liquid to start or revive a fire in a wood stove. Many deaths have occurred by ignoring this one safety warning.

- Never use your wood stove to burn trash.

- Creosote is the product of incomplete combustion and creosote build-up can cause a chimney fire. Opening the air inlets or the wood stove door and allowing the wood to burn freely for 10-15 minutes several times a week will reduce creosote build-up.

Know the signs of a chimney fire ... a loud roar, sucking sounds, and shaking pipes. Make sure everyone knows what to do. Practice fire drills and learn how to use a fire extinguisher.

If you think you have a chimney fire, call the fire department at 911 immediately. Cut the fire's air supply by closing any intake vents in the firebox. Close the damper. Get everyone out of the house.

Dispose of ashes by placing them in metal containers. Do not put in paper bags or cardboard boxes. Ashes can retain enough heat to start a fire for several days. Wet ashes to make sure they are cold.

For additional installation tips and safety procedures, call the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM APPROVED ORDINANCE TOR 96-7

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 49, SECTION 7C(8) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM

The Agawam Town Council hereby ordains to amend Chapter 49, Section 7C(8) of the Code of Agawam, effective October 1, 1996, as follows:

DELETE: Personnel Officer Tier 4

ADD: Personnel Officer Tier 3

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL
Nancy E. Thompson, President
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Thomas S. Locke, Solicitor

Published: November 21, 1996

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Her husband, William Norton, died many years ago. She leaves a daughter, Virginia Maratea of Tucson, Arizona; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. A son, William Jr., died in 1961.

A graveside service was conducted at Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield.

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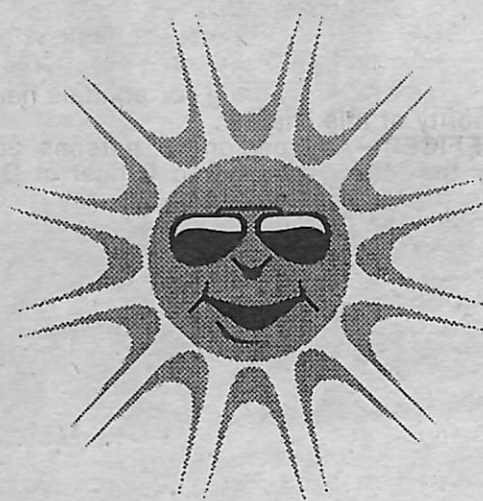
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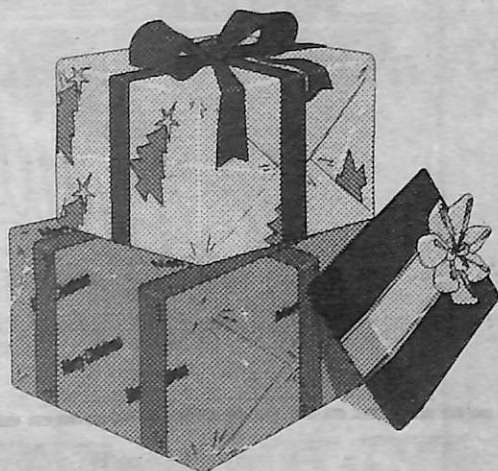
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AGAWAM TOWN COUNCILOR David Skolnick, past commander of the Jewish War Veterans, addresses gathering at Veterans' Green on Veterans' Day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ON THE PODIUM DURING Veterans' Day services on the Veterans' Green in Agawam Center, from left - Edward Kellogg, Veterans' Council chairman; Jessie Fuller, Veterans' Committee member; Christopher C. Johnson, mayor; Abraham Kasparian, County Commissioner; David Skolnick, Town Councilor and veteran; Rev. Reuben Telemaque, Agawam United Methodist Church; and Ruth Bitzas, veterans agent. **RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DURING VETERANS' DAY CEREMONIES on the Veterans' Green, Jay O'Sullivan, commander of the Agawam American Legion, and Carol O'Sullivan, president of the legion's Ladies Auxiliary, stand at attention. **MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Santa Claus Seeks Christmas Letters From Local Children

Once again, the Agawam Junior Women's Club is asking all good girls and boys to send their letters to Santa Claus at the North Pole. Make sure you send a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with your letter so that Santa can reply.

Santa's elves enjoy delivering your letters to Santa and Mrs. Claus, as it brings them good cheer during this joyous holiday season. To get your letter to the North Pole in time, address your envelope to **SANTA, c/o 24 Tanglewood Lane, Feeding Hills, MA 01030-1527.**

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Volunteers Sought To Make Holidays Happy For Shut-Ins

Help spread some Christmas cheer! Heritage Hall Center, a member of the Genesis ElderCare network, is seeking volunteers of all ages and interests for the Christmas season.

Whether you play an instrument, sing, or are a whiz at holiday decorating, your talents are greatly needed. Groups of Christmas carolers are especially needed to visit bed and wheelchair bound residents.

So gather your friends, colleagues, and neighbors and help us bring smiles to our residents' faces this Christmas. Call Kimberly George, Director of Volunteer Services, at 413-786-8000 for more information.

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Still Time To Attend AHS Class Of '76 Bash

All members of the Agawam High School Class of 1976 are reminded that if you wish to attend the 20th reunion on Friday, November 29th, please call Jon Lund at 786-6028 or Linda Viens Comee at 789-2075 to reserve a place.

The reunion will be held at Tekoa Country Club. All responses received by Monday, November 25th will be accommodated.

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Advance registration is requested. Refreshments will be served. The cost is \$10 per person for USABDA members and \$15 for guests. New members who join at the dance admitted free. Four hours of social and real ballroom dancing at low cost will be provided and will begin at 8:00 p.m. with a one-hour group dance lesson.

Everyone is encouraged to take some formal dance lessons to increase their skills and confidence on the dance floor. Jacket and tie requested.

Send in your registration to Diane Saia, USABDA, 106 State Street, Springfield, MA 01103, with check payable to USABDA, Greater Springfield. High school and college students, singles and couples, beginners are welcome.

For details or membership information, please contact Hank Dubay at 562-5652.

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MICHAEL W. WALSH

Michael & Mary Walsh Announce Birth Of First Child, Michael

Michael & Mary Walsh of North Andover, Mass., announced the birth of their first child, Michael William Walsh, on October 24th. Little Michael weighed in at eight pounds, eight ounces and measured 20½ inches.

The elder Michael, of course, is Agawam's former state representative and now a practicing attorney in Boston.

Proud maternal grandparents are Walter & Alberta McLaughlin of Abington, Mass., and Judge William T. & Rosalie Walsh of Agawam.

For all of the former state representative's friends and supporters in Agawam, it is widely being reported that he is truly a proud dad and is participating in all fatherly chores.



LAURA & ERNEST BOULEY

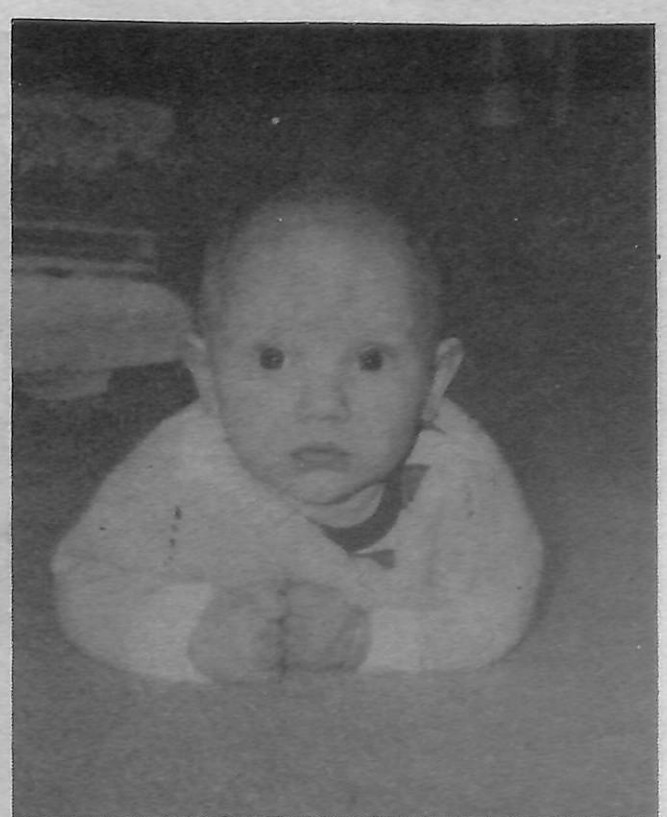
Ernest & Laura Bouley Celebrate Their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Ernest and Laura Bouley of Agawam celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 28th. They attended a special celebration Mass with Bishop Thomas Dupre.

A reception given by their family — Barry & Jackie Toussaint, Ron & Judi Bouley, Bob Bouley, and three grandchildren — was held at The Student Prince.

Ernest is a retired owner of E.A. Bouley Installation, and Laura is a retired bookkeeper for Bouley Photography.

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ANTHONY M. LUCIANI

The Luciani Family Announces Birth Of First Child, Anthony

Donna and Michael Luciani of Agawam announce the birth of their first child, Anthony Michael Luciani. He was born on June 4, 1996, weighing six pounds, 12 ounces, and measuring 19¾ inches long.

His proud maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Buchholz of Wilbraham and Mr. Edward Garvulenski of Chicopee. The baby's proud paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. William Luciani of Feeding Hills.

Anthony was recently baptized at St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam, with proud Uncle Casey Garvulenski as godfather and proud Aunt Cris Morris as godmother.

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THERE WERE NO TRICKS JUST TREATS at the Feeding Hills Post Office for customers on "Customer Appreciation Day" on Thursday, October 31st. Pictured are Pat McCarthy and Postmaster Maureen B. Price. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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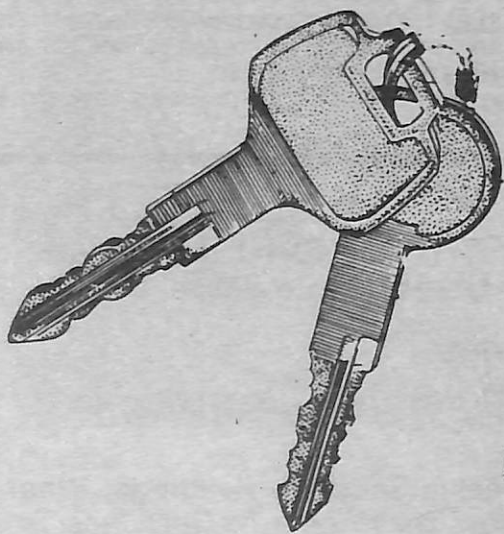


MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM MAWAGA SPORTING CLUB recently honored member Dom Tangredi (seated) for his dedication to the club. Standing is Mawaga member Rusty Baker.

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Frank Paradiso Receives "Andrew C. Gallano Award"



AT ITS ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET at Chez Josef, Feeding Hills resident Frank Paradiso was named as the 1996 winner of the "Andrew C. Gallano Award" by the Agawam Council on Aging. IN PHOTO LEFT, State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan presents a state proclamation to Frank Paradiso (left) and to Harold Davis. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Paradiso holds a plaque as Richard Mundo, COA executive director (left), Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, and Peter Forastiere, chairman of the Agawam COA, look on. RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 19. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Bruce H. Holden Promoted By USAF To Master Sergeant

Bruce N. Holden has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of master sergeant. The sergeant is a family practice/internal medicine clinics supervisor at Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

Holden is the son of retired Army Master Sgt. Charles E. and Marie Y. Stebbins of 12 Federal Street Extension, Agawam.

His wife, Lynne, is the daughter of Lynnewood Jewett of Springfield, Massachusetts, and Margarite Jewett of New Port Richey, Florida. He is a 1970 graduate of Agawam High School.

Country Estates Of Agawam To Hold Holiday Country Fair

Country Estates of Agawam, located at 1200 Suffield Street in Agawam, will be holding its annual Holiday Country Fair on Friday, November 22, 1996 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, November 23, 1996 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Included in the fair will be craft items, baked goods, raffles, and holiday gift items. There are still a few more spaces available for craft vendors. The public is welcome.

For further information, contact Sue Gosselin, Recreation Director, at 789-2200.

Agawam Women's Club To Meet On Monday, Nov. 25th

The Agawam Women's Club will be holding its next meeting on November 25, 1996. The program will feature "Past Presidents" of the Agawam Women's Club and also the Mary Ann School of Dance.

The club welcomes women to join them at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to attend this meeting and enjoy some refreshments and make new friends, please do so.

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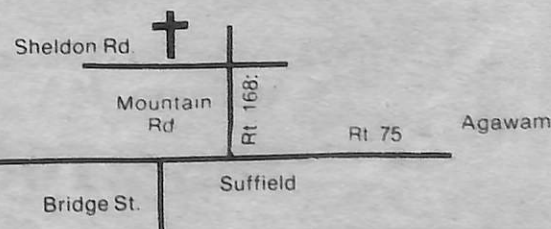
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COA Awards



AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET of the Agawam Council On Aging and Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, Harold Davis (center) received an award from the Senior Center Friends for his long and dedicated service to the elderly in Agawam. Friends members James Griffin and Lillian Doyle presented Harold with his award. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



COUNCIL ON AGING Chairman Peter Forastiere congratulates "Andrew C. Gallano Award" winner Frank Paradiso at the COA Banquet at Chez Josef. Related photos on previous page. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Maria Kozloski Engaged To Wed Lance Crist

Teresa and Henry Kozloski of 102 Meadow Street, Agawam, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Maria, to Lance Crist of Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Maria graduated from Agawam High School in 1983. She earned a Bachelor of Science in mathematics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and a Master of Arts in Eastern European Studies from the Johns Hopkins' School of Advanced International Studies.

Maria now lives in Washington, D.C., and is an Investment Officer of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector arm of the UN World Bank, working mainly on investments in the Russian financial sector.

Her fiancé is a Senior Investment Office of IFC responsible for industrial investments in Poland and the Czech Republic. Lance graduated from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in 1983, earned a Bachelor of Arts in government from Cornell University, and an MBA from the UPenn Wharton School.

The wedding will be held on May 10, 1997 in Washington, D.C. They will relocate to Moscow, Russia, for IFC for one year.



MARIA KOZLOSKI & LANCE CRIST

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by CARMEN A. AVERSA AND MARY E. SELLINGER AVERSA to PHH US Mortgage Corporation of 55 Haddonfield Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, dated April 7, 1993, recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 8383, Page 108, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at public auction, on Friday, December 6, 1996, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on the mortgaged premises, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, sale to be held on the premises located at 158 Maple Street, Agawam, MA, to wit:

EXHIBIT A

The land in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described in two (2) parcels as follows:

PARCEL 1:

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PARCEL 11:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of land now or formerly of Arthur C. Duclos, said point being Ninety-nine (99) feet Westerly from Maple Street and running thence WESTERLY Two Hundred (200) feet to a stake and stones; thence

NORTHEASTERLY Eighty-Two and 5/10 (82.5) feet; thence

SOUTHEASTERLY to the Northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Arthur C. Duclos; thence SOUTHERLY on said Arthur C. Duclos' Westerly line, Eighty-two and 5/10 (82.5) feet to the place of beginning.

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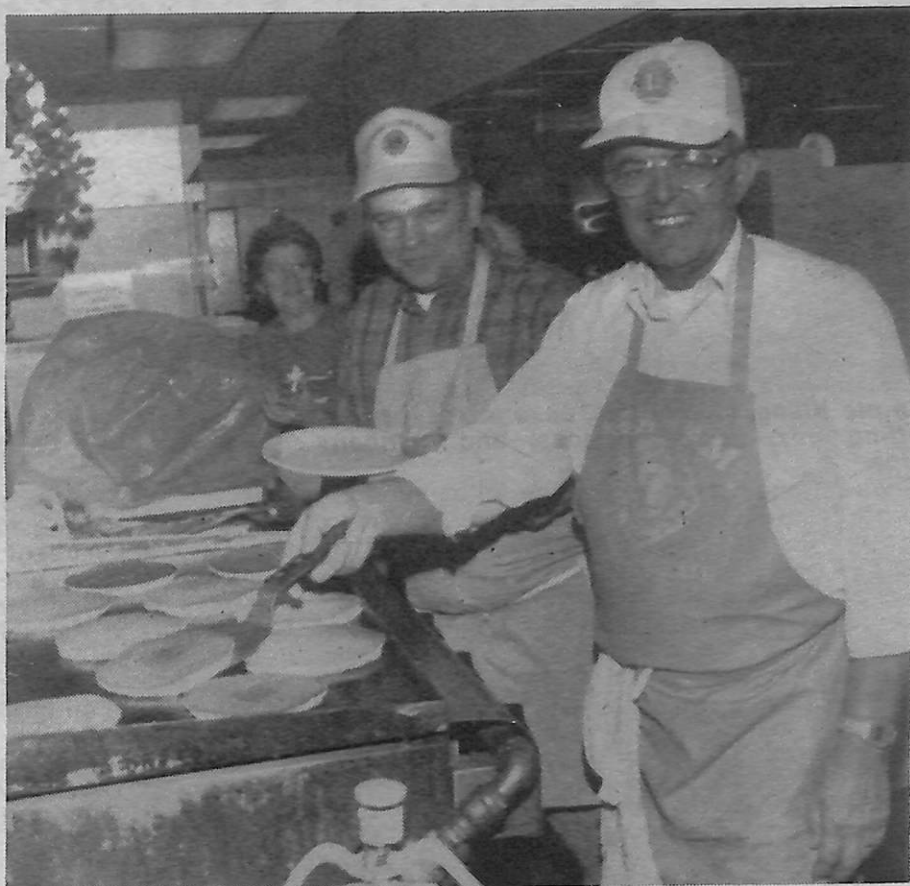


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Senior Games Athletes Benefit From Pancake Breakfast



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM SENIOR GAMES team from the Agawam Senior Center held a pancake breakfast at the Senior Center recently to raise funds for the team's athletic endeavors. IN PHOTO LEFT - helping with the serving duties were Desiree M. Jacobs, Angelo Polumbo, Hal Deyo, and Harry Ingram. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Agawam Lions Club members Dick Bassett (front) and George Fedora volunteered their services in the kitchen. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE FIORENTINO FAMILY - James, Peter, Michael, Joyce, and Peter attended the benefit breakfast for the Agawam Senior Games Athletes at the Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 25th: Cream of broccoli soup, chicken cutlet on a roll, tomato and lettuce, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, November 26th: Meatloaf with gravy, baked potato, green beans, rye bread, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, November 27th: Eggplant parmesan on a roll, tossed salad, potato puffs, brownie.

Thursday, November 28th: Thanksgiving Day (Senior Center closed).

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Jr. Women's Club Is Seeking Donations For Holiday Baskets

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is once again collecting food and toys for Christmas Holiday Baskets. This year, we need to fill 52 baskets which will be delivered to Feeding Hills and Agawam residents in need, including some of our elderly.

We are looking to fill each basket with one complete Christmas dinner and enough food to feed a family of four for a week. We need the following items: **canned vegetables, cereal, onions, pumpkin pie filling, food in jars, cake mixes, apples, stuffing mix, pasta, potatoes, and cranberry sauce.**

These items may be left at the following drop-off places: **Fitness First, George & Green, Agawam Public Library, Feeding Hills Public Market, Agawam Public Market, Agawam Baptist Church, The Deli on Main Street, and Town Hall.**

What's more, these items may also be donated on Sunday, December 8th, at the "Breakfast with Santa" at Agawam High School from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

If you wish to make a perishable donation of a 10-pound turkey or a three-pound ham, please call Joyce at 786-3327.

For the Christmas blankets, we often include toys for the children. If you wish to donate a toy, you may leave it in the same drop-off box at one of the places listed above for food.

Also, every year our Club looks for caring individuals to sponsor a child (or children) of one of these needy families. Sponsors are asked to purchase one item of clothing for that child (or children) which is wrapped and added to the family's holiday basket. To sponsor a child, call Eileen at 789-2818.

Sgt. Rodney L. Bush Receives Medal From Navy & Marine Corps

Marine Staff Sgt. Rodney L. Bush, a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School, recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Bush was recognized for his outstanding achievement while serving as criminal investigator with Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California. Bush was singled out for the award because of his superb initiative and contribution in helping the command fulfill its mission.

With a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Bush joins a select group of men and women who have demonstrated their outstanding ability to excel in serving on the Navy-Marine Corps team. Whether assigned to ships, squadrons, or shore commands around the world, men and women like Bush are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

He joined the Marine Corps in April 1989.



MARYSA A. MASSOIA

The Massoia Family Announces Birth Of Daughter, Marysa A.

Scott and Bonnie Massoia of 23 Carmen Avenue, Feeding Hills, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Marysa Autumn.

Marysa was born on October 22, 1996. Anxiously awaiting her arrival were her brother Anthony and sister Angelina.

The maternal grandparents are Robert and Jerry Miccoly of Ludlow. The paternal grandparents are Louis and Viola Massoia of Feeding Hills.

Jr. Women's Club Asks For Moment To Reflect On AIDS

On December 1st, as in years past, the White House is planning to dim its lights for 15 minutes from 7:45 to 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) to commemorate World AIDS Day and to offer a tribute to those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Villages, towns, and cities across the country are encouraged to join the White House in dimming their lights as a visual demonstration expressing the worldwide commitment to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS.

We also would like to ask you, at your Thanksgiving table, to have a moment of silent reflection offering hope to families and individuals affected and infected with HIV/AIDS.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Womens Clubs and the General Federation of Womens Clubs in Massachusetts.

13th Giving Tree To Kick Off Nov. 26th

The 13th Annual Children's Giving Tree will kick off the gift-giving season with a special opening ceremony on Tuesday, November 26th, at 10:00 a.m. at Tower Square in downtown Springfield.

Springfield Central High School's Madrigal Singers will perform Christmas carols while students from the Springfield Day Nursery and members of the Springfield Golden Age Club place the first handmade ornaments on the Tree.

Now a local tradition, the Children's Giving Tree, sponsored by the Milton Bradley Company, has provided more than 230,000 holiday presents to disadvantaged children in the last 12 years.

Three local charities benefit from the Giving Tree: the Community United Way of Pioneer Valley, the Salvation Army Toy for Joy, and the Marine Corps Toys for Tots. Representatives from each organization will join Milton Bradley Chairman George Ditomassi for the opening-day festivities.

For more information, please contact Earl Donahue at Milton Bradley Company at 525-6411, extension 2800.

Commerce High Class Of 1942 Seeks Members

The High School of Commerce Class of January 1942 is planning a 55th Reunion in May 1997. The committee is searching for any information, an address, and/or phone number of the following classmates:

Irene A. (Bobola) Girard, Carolyn M. Burns, Louise A. (Butterfield) Gerlach, Elena A. Catalano, Ellen M. (Cole) House, Diamond M. (Coppola) May, Barbara R. Curry, Alfred Deuel, Virginia E. Fitzgerald, James E. Hanks, Marion C. (Jerominek) Kuschatka.

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Anyone with any information as to their whereabouts may contact Sylvia (Travaglia) Forastiere, Chairman or any committee member: Gladys (Cole) McMahon, Pearl (Glushein) Cowen, Matilda Anzalotti, Madeline (Figoni) Raina, Maryann (Gironda) Pappas, Arthur Hottin, Wally Beach, or Kenneth Howe.

Ski Sale & Swap Set For Sat., November 23

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit, youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is having a Ski Sale and Swap on November 23, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

Professionals from Ski-In will be on hand to give advice and assistance.

Consignments will be accepted on Friday, November 22nd from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

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Jingle Valley Fair On Nov. 23rd At 1st Baptist Church



PREPARING FOR THE ANNUAL JINGLE VALLEY FAIR at the Agawam First Baptist Church on Saturday, November 23rd are (photo left) Helen Lockhart (chairwoman), Elaine McAuley, Arline Smith, and Phyllis Damon. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Mr. & Mrs. Club of the First Baptist Church are again making and selling their beautiful cemetery logs at the Annual Jingle Valley Fair. All are made from natural greenery and come with a big, red velvet bow. The cemetery logs are \$8 each. The public is cordially invited to attend the annual event. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Immaculate Church White Elephant Day On Sat., Nov. 23rd

West Springfield's Immaculate Conception Parish presents its White Elephant Day—Fall/Winter Event on Saturday, November 23rd from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Parish Center, directly behind the 475 Main Street church, will be brimming department store-style with "gently used" items of all kinds. You'll find household items and appliances, toys, tools, sporting goods, books, and, of course, warm clothing.

The St. Jude Store will offer an excellent selection of new gifts and other Christmas items. Many handmade articles, useful, giftable, and decorative, will fill the Social Club's Christmas Tree Shop. A fresh-from-the-oven bakery, and luncheon, are also planned.

There will also be special drawings for a beautifully handknit Irish sweater, and for a genuine wheelbarrow filled with holiday-useful foods, including a 30-pound turkey.

Do come and join us for bargains and browsing, holiday shopping, and fun.

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Monthly Fellowship Supper On Nov. 22nd At Valley Community Church In F.H.

Valley Community Church is alive with excitement as members scurry from one fun-filled event to another.

On FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND, we have a chance to "kick back and relax" during our monthly fellowship supper. The Granger and Kopy families will join forces to see that we are well-fed.

We will then go upstairs to enjoy the music provided by nationally-known musician David Scudder. Mr. Scudder will entertain us with music on various instruments, including the violin and cello. The public is invited to attend his concert, which begins at 7:00 p.m.

On SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, we get recharged as we attend our 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. This Sunday, Pastor Steve will deliver his message taken from Matthew 25:31-46, which is about the Judgement of the Nations, the Final Exam.

Pastor Steve's messages are not only enlightening, they are encouraging, for they guide us in making changes in each of our lives as we strive to live by God's Word.

This Sunday afternoon, many of the church members will be attending the Ecumenical Worship Service at the Agawam Methodist Church, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

The children of our church will meet on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, for Junior Choir rehearsal. At 6:30 p.m., these little cherubs will gather together to practice their songs for everyone's enjoyment during upcoming Worship Services.

At 7:00 p.m., the ladies of the church will meet at the home of Dot Wells to finish working on their holiday crafts, which will be available for sale at the December 14th Chicken Supper.

The Senior Choir will meet on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, at 7:00 p.m. They are busy preparing some very special music for the Advent season.

The Mission Committee, along with many eager church members, will meet on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, in the church kitchen to begin preparing food to be served at the Loaves and Fishes on Sunday.

Great things are in the works, and more plans are underway as members and friends of Valley Community Church eagerly and enthusiastically follow the Word of God.

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Weekly Message From Agawam United Methodist

Many people are busy or will be busy during the upcoming week. We dare not ask, "Why?" It is expected that everyone understands that during the week of Thanksgiving, there is no alternative. Thanksgiving, a grand holiday, is celebrated as the week begins.

Time, energy, space, and money are put into preparation for the day when we will meet friends or relatives. On the other hand, the season is sometimes accompanied by suffering, embarrassment, and regrets because of excessive drinking, careless driving, and the like.

Everyone would be well-advised that in order to enjoy a meaningful Thanksgiving, we should be sober, tolerant in our understanding of each other, careful, and courteous in our driving.

It is difficult for some people to bring all these under control. We can, however, be in total control if we focus on the main purpose of Thanksgiving Day.

Its history is important. The pilgrims fled persecution; they braved the sea; they arrived safely; the land yielded much. They gave God thanks.

The dominant thought and purpose of the holiday is to give God thanks. No one will be celebrating Thanksgiving season right without giving God thanks for his countless blessings.

On Sunday, our doors will be open to welcome all who would like to join us at our Thanksgiving Service at 9:30 a.m.

Children are welcome. Sometime during the worship, children and adults will proceed to the altar to offer gifts of canned goods, which will be given to persons in need.

Come bring your gifts and pray for God's blessing on all your efforts.

Don't forget the Ecumenical Service, which will be held here at Agawam United Methodist Church, 491 Mill Street, Feeding Hills, this Sunday in the afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

On Advent Sunday, December 1st, we will begin the Advent celebrations with the lighting of the first Advent candle.

For us, it is also Visitors' Sunday. Your presence among us will be greatly appreciated.

Preparation is under way for a Christmas concert in December. Please set aside the afternoon of the second Sunday

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, November 24th, is Thanksgiving Sunday. The Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "When Do You See God?" taken from Matthew 25:31-46. The Children's Message will be "Food from the Heart" by John Hauser.

This is also Blanket Sunday, and the blankets will be dedicated during this service.

There will be no Midweek Service on Wednesday, November 27th. The Midweek Service will resume on Wednesday, December 4th, at 7:00 p.m.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold its annual "Holly Wreath Bazaar" on Saturday, November 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Holiday items, handmade crafts, cafe luncheon, baked goods, and more await your arrival. Mark your calendar today!

The Sr. High Youth Group is selling Christmas Wreaths for their annual fundraiser.

These 12" double-faced wreaths are available to order during the coffee hour following the Worship Service. Cost is \$10.

New Member Class - Friday, November 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. Interested in joining the church? Looking for information about the church and the United Church of Christ?

Come join others to learn about policies, committees, activities, and membership.

ECUMENICAL ADVENT SERIES - Beginning Sunday, December 1st, and continuing each Sunday through December 22nd, the Agawam Congregational and Agawam Baptist Church will sponsor an Advent Series entitled, "Which Way to the Manger?"

The sessions will run from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The first two sessions (December 1st and 8th) will meet at the Agawam Baptist Church; the final two (December 15th and 22nd) will meet at the Agawam Congregational Church.

The first session theme will be Hostility/Hospitality. Join us during this Advent season to journey through the season together.

Reminder: The 456 Club & Jr. High Youth Groups meet each Friday night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School for adults and young people begins at 9:00 a.m., and worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Donaldson returns from vacation this week.

Children are welcome to attend the service with their parents, leaving at a designated time for a special project. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

An invitation has been extended to the members of this church to attend a special Advent series with members of the Agawam Congregational Church and the First Baptist Church. The series, entitled "Which Way to the Manger? A Journey Worth Taking," begins on Sunday, December 1st, and continues each Sunday in December from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The first two meetings will be held at the First Baptist Church. The remaining two meetings will take place at Agawam Congregational Church, with the December 22nd meeting beginning one-half hour earlier, at 6:30 p.m., so those attending may have time to do some caroling together before the meeting begins.

Call the First Baptist Church at 786-7300 if you need further information.

Members of our church choir will be joining other choirs from Agawam at the ecumenical Thanksgiving service to be held on Sunday, November 24th, at 4:00 p.m. at the Agawam Methodist Church.

Plan to join this special gathering for worship on that day. Please call that church at 786-4174 for more information.

On the calendar this week:
Friday, November 22nd: 6:30 p.m., OF Ski Sale set up.

Saturday, November 23rd: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., OF Ski Sale.

Sunday, November 24th: 9:00 a.m., Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Morning worship; 4:00 p.m., Ecumenical service at Agawam Methodist; 5:30 p.m., Crossroads; 7:00 p.m., Confirmation Class.

Monday, November 25th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts.

Tuesday, November 26th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, November 27th: 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, November 28th: Thanksgiving Day (office closed).

Friday, November 29th: Office closed.

Weekly Calendar Of Activities & Events From First Baptist Church In Agawam

Thanksgiving Sunday worship services will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday. A special message will be delivered by Rev. Richard Barnes, Pastor, with seasonal offerings by the choir.

First Baptist Church is located at the corner of Main and Elm Streets. Join us when you are in town.

Coffee and conversation in Davis Hall follows morning worship, and classes are available for all ages until 11:45 a.m. following fellowship time.

On our calendar this week:
Tuesday, November 26th: 10:00 a.m., Sear-

chlighters meet at the home of Nancy Edwards; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 4:30 p.m., Our people serve at Loaves & Fishes (meal for the homeless); 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group; 7:30 p.m., Special church committee meeting.

Wednesday, November 27th: 7:15 a.m., Midweek Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, November 28th: THANKSGIVING DAY (office closed).

A special four-week Advent series will be held on Sunday evenings in December in cooperation

with the Agawam Congregational Church. Entitled "Which Way to the Manger? ... A Journey Worth Taking," the meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m.

The first two meetings on December 1st and 8th will be at the First Baptist Church, and the second two at the Agawam Congregational Church on December 15th and 22nd. Leaders will be Rev. Curt Fuller and Rev. Richard Barnes.

Plan to enrich your Advent season with this time for spiritual growth and renewal by attending these sessions.

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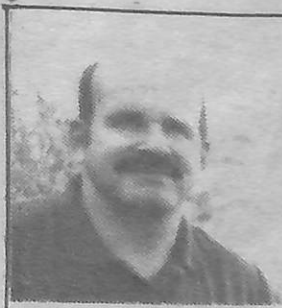
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Reflecting On Psalm 100...

In Psalm 100, we read: "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations."

As America brings its commerce to a halt on Thursday, November 28th, in observance of Thanksgiving, we would do well to ponder the words of this Psalm. We, mere mortal people, are invited by the Almighty to enter into His presence. We are instructed to come with thanksgiving.

Why should we? Because we are all very much loved by God. God reaches out to each of us, not because we deserve it, but because He loves us.

It is important that we thank God for His many blessings. First of all, it is the only appropriate response to all that God has done for us. Secondly, being thankful and expressing our appreciation builds us up as well.

We all know at least one person who does not appreciate the blessings of God upon his or her life. Such a person can always find a dark lining in any cloud. That person's negative attitude feeds on itself, and the person becomes gloomier over time. We are healthier people — emotionally, spiritually, and physically — when we are thankful people.

As important as it is to be thankful, it is also important to direct our thanksgiving to the appropriate Party. We cannot be thankful to things, because they are not alive. We should be thankful to the Creator of everything.

God alone is worthy of our thanksgiving. The object of our thanksgiving is actually more important than the thanksgiving itself.

God is not a distant and lonely deity beyond our

Ecumenical Service
For Thanksgiving

An ecumenical Thanksgiving service will take place this Sunday, November 24th, at 4:00 p.m. at Agawam United Methodist Church, 459 Mill Street, Feeding Hills.

The guest speaker will be Rev. Len Cowan of St. David's Church. His sermon will be "Praying with Thanksgiving," taken from the text Phillipians 4:4-9.

There will be an anthem by the ecumenical choir and a children's message. The offering will go to the Agawam Fuel Fund.

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reach. One of the ways God describes Himself in the Scripture is as a shepherd. In Ezekiel 34, God says: "As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep."

Shepherds give complete care to their sheep, and the sheep depend upon the shepherd for everything, including food and protection.

Jesus said: "I am the Good Shepherd, who lays down His life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep."

The first people who celebrated Thanksgiving did not have easy lives. The wolf knocked on their door. The original settlers faced challenges, the likes of which might very possibly break any of our hearts. But they also knew the love of God in deep and personal ways.

They knew God as the Good Shepherd who was faithful all the time, on the bad days as well as the good. May God so richly bless us as well. Happy Thanksgiving!

Holly Wreath Bazaar
At Ag. Congregational
On Saturday, Nov. 23

The Ladies Aid Society of Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam is sponsoring a Holly Wreath Bazaar on Saturday, November 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Homebaked foods, dried flowers, wreaths, house plants, candy, handmade gifts, crafts, a collection of new children's and family books, plus used books and a white elephant table are a few of the items featured.

The Christmas Angel Cafe will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. serving seafood salad roll with pickles and chips, or a sandwich plate and cup of vegetable soup. Dessert will be apple crisp or fruit compote (sugarless). Coffee or tea will also be included.

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Elizabeth Greenway of Feeding Hills is a dedicated career woman who is happy with the success of her business. She is sole owner and operator of **Walnut Street Dry Cleaners and Laundry** at 380 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam.

Liz operated a dry cleaner and laundry down the street at 339 Walnut Street Extension from January 1992 to June 1996, when her mushrooming business necessitated seeking larger quarters and she moved to 380 Walnut Street Extension between Rackliffe Locksmith and Agawam's Awards Shop (an engraving and trophy store) in June. It was formerly the Hour Glass Cleaners.

"The business has just expanded so rapidly and become so big," Liz said beaming, "that we required a bigger place."

The laundromat section, where people did their own laundry, was discontinued and in the new place the laundry valet service was expanded. Customers drop off their laundry and the staff washes, dries, and folds it before returning it to the customer. Buttons missing from shirts are also replaced.

Same-day service and alterations and repairs are available when needed.

When the dry cleaners moved, Liz invested in appropriate plant equipment so that all the work can be done on the premises. Liz says she has the only full-service laundry cleaners in Agawam and Feeding Hills that does shirts in-house, as well as the dry cleaning. She added that she is the only woman in Agawam and Feeding Hills running a dry cleaning plant.

The shop does 800 to 1,000 shirts a week, she said, and in addition to dry cleaning clothing she does drapes, spreads, blankets, quilts, and even cleans and boxes wedding gowns.

Liz started three dry cleaners in five years, she says, the first at 330 Walnut Street, a second shop in January 1994 on College Highway, Southwick, and the present store at 380 Walnut Street Extension. She said she cut her business way back when she and her sister took care of their ailing mother at home.



THE STAFF OF WALNUT STREET DRY CLEANERS and LAUNDRY at 380 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam. From left - Bridget Nostin, Eva Norman, Bill Greenway, and owner and operator Liz Greenway. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo

by Jack Devine.

Greenway's Business Was Forced To Expand...

But the business sprung forward again so that she was forced to expand. Among her customers, she mentions the Eastern States Exposition, for whom she does thousands of pounds of laundry (she explained), including tablecloths, vendors' aprons, personal clothing from vendors' trailers, etc.

The cleaners is run with 12 full- and part-time employees. There is a full-time and a part-time tailor, and two part-time seamstresses are available. "We all work hard to please the customers and give quality service."

Liz is a former insurance broker and the mother of three teenage sons. She has an elderly aunt living with her. Sentimental about her parents, she has opened her business on their birthdays or to mark some special family event.

"I learned everything I needed to know about business from my mother and father," Liz said. They were the late Mr. & Mrs. Harry Marrewa, who owned and operated Echo Hill Orchard in Enfield, CT — a sort of country store Liz refers to as "the fruit stand." But they sold a variety of items.

Liz was the middle of three children and her parents started teaching her the business when she was 13 years-old. Apparently, she took to it

like a duck to water.

She tries to make her shop as homey as such a place can be. There are bowls of cookies and lollipops, a wicker settee, and a picture of bright red carnations by Anne Beddes on the front of the counter. A narrow wall picture relates to Liz's long-held ambition to have a house at the shore. The picture is of a cardinal on a limb watching a sailboat coming down a river.

Long workdays are the usual for Liz. A typical one might find her at a health club at 6:00 a.m., at work by 7:00 a.m., then a full day of activities including lunch with a client or guest, and in the evening two hours of choir rehearsal at a Springfield church. She is a busy, successful entrepreneur. Her dynamic personality and boundless energy are no doubt factors in her success.

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce cited Liz Greenway in April 1994 at a Small Business Recognition Banquet for her contribution to the economy and to this community. The event was held at Chez Josef Banquet House, and Liz keeps a framed copy of the letter she received at her home.

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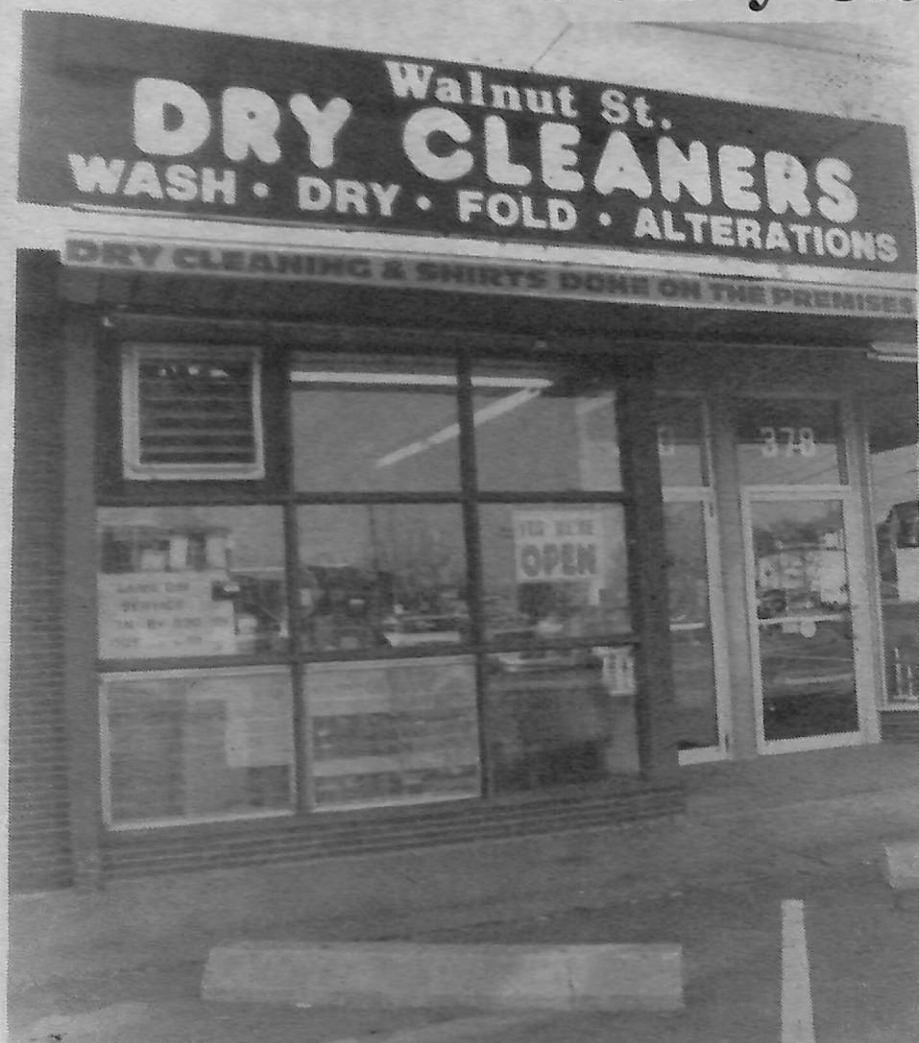


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Spotlight On Business - included...

Walnut St. Dry Cleaners Expands Again



WALNUT STREET DRY CLEANERS and LAUNDRY, located at 380 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam, is owned and operator by local entrepreneur Liz Greenway. Liz recently moved her business from one end of Walnut Street Extension to the other and offers many, many services to her customers. ABOVE, employee Robbin Williams is hard at work. Walnut St. Dry Cleaners is open Monday - Saturday. SEE RELATED STORY AND PHOTO ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Display ad on Page 7. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

PLEASE remember we have an early deadline for our Thanksgiving edition - Sunday, November 24th at noontime. Thanks.



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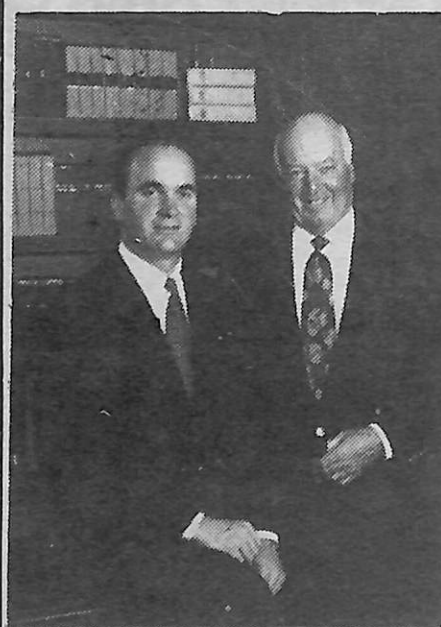
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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Riverside Park Presents Maintenance Awards



RIVERSIDE AMUSEMENT PARK recently recognized members of its Maintenance Department. IN PHOTO LEFT, Brett Smith (left in photo) was named "Maintenance Person of the Month" for October by Rick Neis, director of Maintenance. Brett works in the mechanical department at Riverside. October Awards were sponsored by A. Boilard & Sons, Inc. IN PHOTO RIGHT - Rick Neis (right in photo) congratulates Eric Heine and Alan D'Amours for their performance on the installation of the new Walkway Bridge lights to the picnic grove. These October awards were sponsored by A. Boilard & Sons, Inc. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Westfield Savings' Agawam Office Passes \$100,000,000 Mark

The Agawam office of Westfield Savings Bank passed the \$100,000,000 level in total deposits as of October 30th, it has been reported by Bank President, Donald A. Williams. "We are extremely pleased with the success of our Agawam operation and feel a very close bond with the community," he reported.

"We have maintained an office in the town since 1968 and the majority of our employees in Agawam are local residents. As a way of thanking the people of Agawam for their loyalty and support through the years, we are holding a one-week celebration from November 22nd through November 30th."

During that time, patrons will be able to register for drawings of 100 fresh-cut Christmas trees from one of our Agawam customers, Mitch's Gardens on Suffield Street, and a 27" Zenith television set as our grand prize," Mr. Williams added.

"Credit for the success we have enjoyed in Agawam must go in large part to our staff, including Manager Donna Kennedy and Assistant Manager Cynthia Bajek. Other members of the Agawam staff include: Melissa Blascak, Cheryl Clark, Isabel Crespo, Kathleen Ferguson, Sheryl Fleming, Dorothy Lent, Lynn Racine, Donna Rucio, Connie Sandillo, Mary-Beth Sherbo, and Sharon Vigneault.

"We look forward to continuing to bring the best in banking to all of the citizens of Agawam as well as to the businesses which serve the town," Williams concluded.

Best local news...

Curran-Jones Funeral Homes Organize Remembrance Tree & Service For Dec. 7th

The holiday season is a time for remembering and a time for recapturing the joys of our fondest memories. Inspired by our own recollections of Christmas, we reflect upon age-old messages of love, hope, and peace.

We at Curran-Jones know this is a very difficult time for families who are spending their holidays without the presence of a loved one. With this in mind, Richard J. Curran and Joseph D. Curran, owners and operators of the Curran-Jones Funeral Homes of West Springfield and Agawam, and The Edward F. Day Funeral Home of Holyoke, announce their annual "Holiday Service of Remembrance."

They, along with their staff, have organized a Remembrance Tree and Service to be held at the Curran-Jones Funeral Home located at 109 Main Street in West Springfield, on Saturday, December 7, 1996 at 2:00 p.m.

Following with tradition, the Curran family has

made a donation to Brightside in memory of all we have serviced. Our commitment to Brightside and belief that children are the bright side of Christmas, has inspired us to remember you and your loved one at this special time of year.

All that respond to the Currans' invitation will receive a personalized Brightside Angel. A short memorial service will be conducted by local clergymen as well as the Lighting of our Christmas Wreath.

Once again, Priscilla Hindmarsh, a bereavement facilitator for the local area, will be sharing her comments. We hope her words will help you to find the love, hope, peace, and serenity of Christmas that will live forever, not only in presence, but in spirit.

The Curran family and staff are very proud of their "Holiday Service of Remembrance" and hope you will join us for this special ceremony.

Vincent Menard "Employee Of The Month"

Vincent J. Menard of Agawam has been selected as Mercy Hospital's Employee of the Month for November.

Menard, a member of the hospital's Engineering Department, was nominated for the honor by his fellow employees, who noted his exceptional dedication, kindness, and cooperative attitude.

In a congratulatory letter to Menard, Vincent J. McCorkle, President and CEO, Mercy Hospital and Providence Hospital, and Executive Vice President, Massachusetts Integrated Delivery Network, Sisters of Providence Health System, wrote, "Through your actions, you personify the values of compassion, justice, and respect for human dignity which are the cornerstone of the

Mercy Hospital mission, and that of our sponsor, the Sisters of Providence."

The award was presented November 1st at a surprise party hosted by the Engineering Department, and attended by hospital management and members of Spirit, Mercy Hospital's employee relations committee.

As Employee of the Month, Menard receives preferred parking privileges, a lapel pin, and a gift certificate to the Holyoke Mall. In addition, his department will display the Employee of the Month trophy throughout November, and his name will be permanently added to a plaque honoring outstanding employees.

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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Borage Plant Seed Oil Found To Be Effective Against Rheumatoid Arthritis

In the November issue of *Arthritis and Rheumatism*, a study conducted by researchers at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center (UMMC) documents that a fatty acid found in the seed oil of the borage plant is an effective and well-tolerated treatment for patients with rheumatoid arthritis, a disease that affects some two-million Americans.

Previous laboratory experiments conducted by the study's lead author, Robert Zurier, MD, professor of medicine and director of rheumatology at UMMC, showed that gammalinolenic acid (GLA) suppresses acute and chronic inflammation, including arthritis. Rich concentrations of this substance are found in the seed oil of the borage plant, which is plentiful in many parts of North America.

GLA is a precursor to prostaglandin E1, a substance with known anti-inflammatory properties, but which also produces troublesome side effects. The UMass study demonstrated that gammalinolenic acid obtained from borage plant seed oil offers patients with rheumatoid arthritis the benefits of prostaglandins, but without the host of unpleasant side effects.

Forty-six patients with active rheumatoid arthritis were enrolled in a randomized, double blind trial in which half the group received capsules of

borage seed oil and the other half were given placebo capsules containing sunflower seed oil. After six months, Dr. Zurier and his colleagues conducted a single blind trial in which patients in both groups received borage seed oil capsules.

The results were impressive. During the first six months of the study, the group taking GLA showed significant improvement in swelling, joint tenderness, pain and stiffness, while the condition of patients in the placebo group stayed the same or deteriorated.

During the second six months, both groups improved significantly. Patients who were already taking GLA continued to improve, and the patients who were switched from placebo to GLA showed improvement during the second six months that was comparable to the improvement reported by patients who were given GLA during the first six months.

Patients who were examined three months after they stopped taking GLA (at month 15) experienced the return of joint pain and swelling, suggesting that GLA administration must be maintained in order to suppress joint inflammation.

While gammalinolenic acid in both primrose and borage seed oil is widely available in health food stores, Dr. Zurier warns that this drug, despite its apparent promise, is not yet widely approved as treatment for any disease and is not available in therapeutic concentrations. However, he is encouraged by the absence of side effects that accompany such conventional treatments as non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID).

"It's possible that GLA could function as an NSAID substitute," Zurier speculated. But he and his colleagues suggest that controlled studies of longer duration, with larger numbers of patients — in which GLA is compared with more established therapy — are warranted.

The study's authors conclude that a better understanding of how fatty acids function in cells might lead to the development of new, well-tolerated treatments for such diseases as rheumatoid arthritis.

For nutritional seminars and counseling, contact Nancy Dell, MS, RD, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, (413) 786-2957.



Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph
S. Schlaffer
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Question: The fall season found me raking and picking up many bags of wet leaves. I am now painfully aware of hip and back pain. After bending or sitting, the pain runs down the back of the leg and I even have a little numbness in my foot. Can chiropractic help?

Answer: Low back pain and sciatica are frequently misunderstood conditions. They are often improperly diagnosed and improperly treated.

Actually, sciatica is a painful irritation of the largest nerve in the body which supplies the tissues of the thigh, lower leg, and foot. It is most often caused by pinching of one or more of the nerve roots (beginnings of a nerve) where they exit from the spine. The most common cause of pinching is due to structural misalignment of the lower vertebrae of the spine or pressure being exerted on the nerve root by a disc. A disc may rupture, protrude, herniate, or bulge and result in mechanical irritation to the nerve root.

Since the sciatic nerve is so large (about as big as the thumb), interference or irritation along its course can cause a variety of symptoms. It may cause crippling pain. Or it may be more subtle and result in numbness, "pins and needles" sensation, burning, or a crawling sensation. Many times the leg feels weak, the foot may "drop" or drag. If the nerve remains pinched for a long period of time the muscles of the leg may become permanently reduced in size (atrophied). Sciatica is commonly associated with low back pain and the individual may have a history of a weak back.

Treating low back pain and sciatica with pain killers and muscle relaxers may provide temporary relief. However, no drugs can correct an underlying structural cause. Rarely do misaligned vertebrae or disc problems correct themselves spontaneously and permanently.

Chiropractic care is a good place to start. In case you are not yet aware of it, the U.S. government's Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) has made some remarkable statements regarding contemporary treatment for low back pain. In addition to mild analgesics and application of heat/ice, **spinal manipulation** (spinal adjustments), when performed by a professional, can be helpful for many!

The doctor of chiropractic is a well trained professional with a variety of methods of conservative treatment of low back pain and sciatica. Should your problem require an alternative treatment, your chiropractor will refer you to the appropriate physician.

Balance Disorders & Support Group At Mercy Hospital Slated For Wed., Nov. 27th

The next meeting of the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation's Balance Disorders and Dizziness Support Group is November 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

The free sessions are open to those suffering from balance difficulties and chronic dizziness associated with disorders including Meniere's

Disease, Acoustic Neuroma, Perilymph Fistula (PLF), Bilateral Paroxysmal Positional Nystagmus (BPPN), Endolymphatic Hydrops, Trigeminal Neuralgia, and Labyrinthitis.

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A Tense Mind & Body

Occasionally I get a patient who is so anxious to get better that they do everything in excess or they try too hard. I'm sure you've met these types of nervous individuals. These types of personalities try too hard to get well, and oftentimes can actually hinder the healing process.

Let's look at the tense mind/tense body concept. Trying too hard can trigger the stress response which has a tensing effect on several areas of your body. The blood flowing through the muscles is decreased due to the tension and therefore optimum healing cannot take place.

Impatience with the healing process can certainly affect the healing. Again, this creates anxiety, fear, and frustration which can cause a stress response. These are the individuals who say, "I don't have time for this," or "When exactly am I going to get better?"

Unfortunately in this modern society, we are raised with the "get rid of pain quick" thinking. This thinking says if you have pain, take a pill, then continue with your activities. The problem with this is you are temporarily getting rid of the pain, but not the cause of the pain. Oftentimes the healing process can take time—and one needs to learn to be patient with this process and respect their body.

Trying too hard can slow healing if you do your exercises or activities too hard, too fast, or too impatiently. This can cause reinjury or additional injuries. It is important to channel your energy in proper ways that will help you recover fully. Have confidence in your body's ability to heal and respect the process. A chiropractor can help you learn how to accomplish this.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

Baystate Medical Ctr. Has Safety Tips For Holiday Traveling

"Spending time with family and friends is fun around the holidays, especially when you haven't seen each other for a while," said Shirley LaRoche, R.N., coordinator of the Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition headquartered at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital.

Whether you travel by car or by airplane this holiday season, you should include safety in all your plans. LaRoche offers the following tips for your next holiday trip with your children.

TRAVELING BY CAR

* Obtain and correctly install a child safety seat in your vehicle. For safety reasons, don't borrow a relative's or neighbor's child safety seat or purchase a used seat.

* Secure children correctly in a child safety seat or safety belt every time they ride in the vehicle. Children under 40 pounds should always be in a child safety seat.

* Never use pillows or cushions to boost your child. If the car is hit, the child may slide under the lap belt.

* Never put luggage on the back window shelf of the car.

* And remember to take a rest every two to three hours. These rest breaks can be a time to let kids use up some of their energy.

TRAVELING BY AIRPLANE

* Tell the airline when you make your reservations that you are traveling with a child. Many airlines will try to keep the seats next to you empty or give you a bulkhead seat. Also, try to reserve a seat around the middle of the plane. These seats are always the last to go, and if the plane is not full, then you'll get a seat for your child.

* Check with the airline to determine its policies on the use of child/infant safety seats. If your child is under age two, some will let you use a safety seat in an adjacent vacant seat without purchasing a ticket. Then make sure your car safety seat meets federal motor vehicle standards and Federal Aviation Administration Regulations.

For more information, call the Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition headquartered at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital at 784-5434.

Dr. Reen Announces Contest Winners



DR. DAVID REEN recently held a drawing contest for his patients at his Feeding Hills office. Dr. Reen and employee Joanne Cappuccilli (back, middle) are pictured with Emily Gallagher, Kelly Kervian, Mike Kornely, Dustin Stewart, Dustin's mom, and Brad Theriaque. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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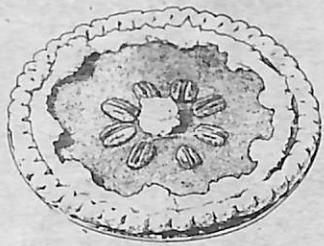


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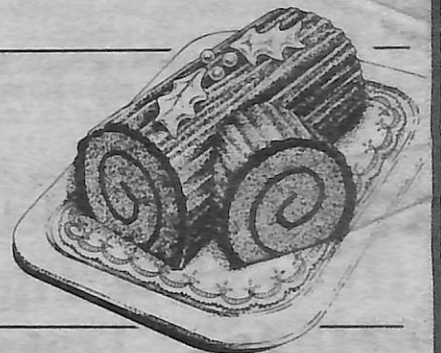
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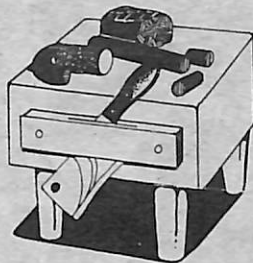


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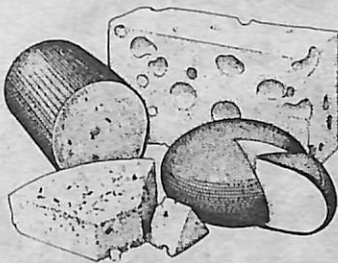
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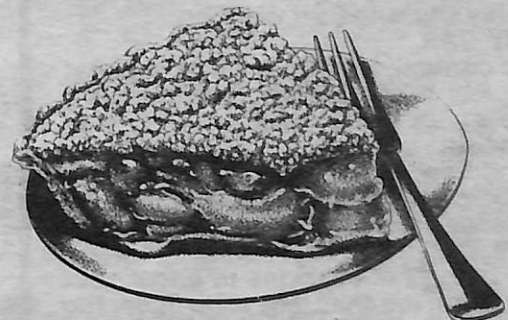
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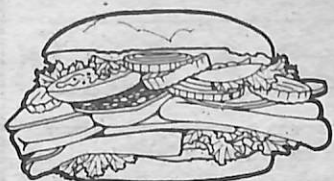
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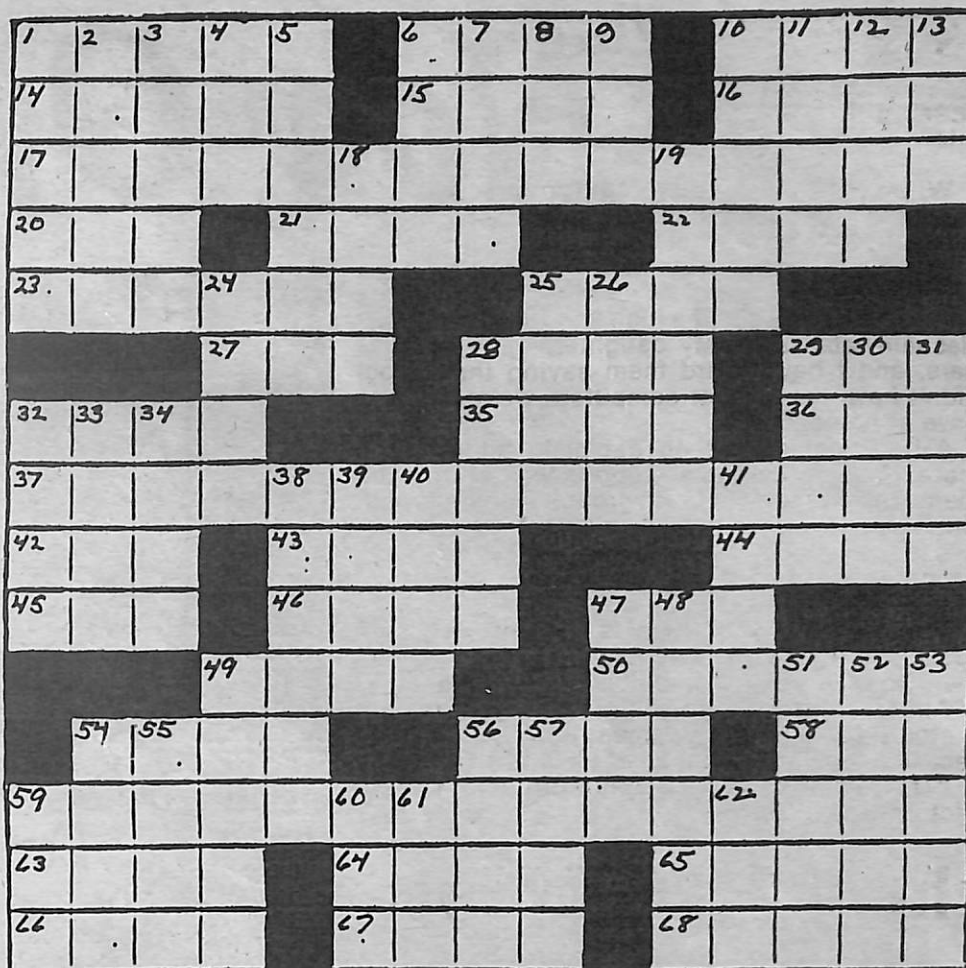
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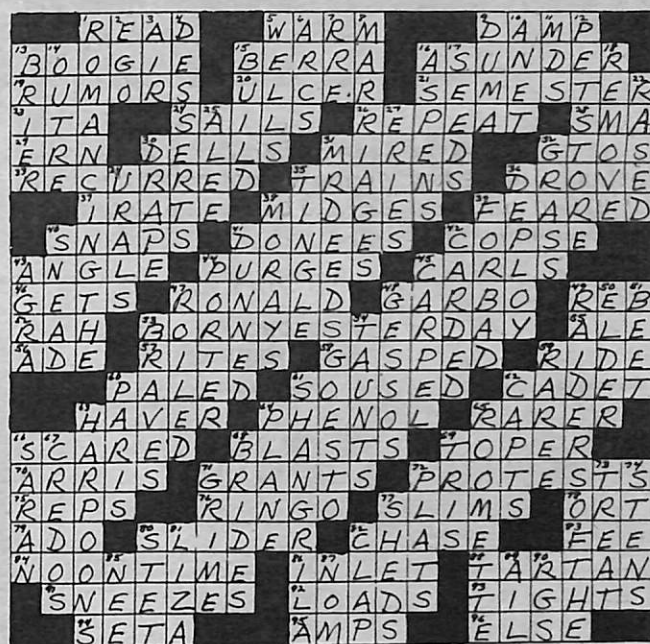
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Last Week's Solution...



John Snow To Star In HCC's Drama "The Birthday Party"

Agawam native John Snow will star in the Holyoke Community College Drama Club's performance of Harold Pinter's *The Birthday Party* on Thursday, November 21st through Saturday, November 23rd. All three performances will be at 8:00 p.m. in the Leslie Phillips Forum. A matinee performance was also scheduled for Wednesday, November 20th, at 2:30 p.m. in the Forum.

Snow will play the character of Petey, who co-owns a tatty, seaside boarding house where Stanley, the eccentric and reclusive main character, resides with his adoptive parents.

The performance is free to all HCC students, faculty, and staff with a general admission fee of \$5 to the public. For reservations, please call the HCC Box Office at (413) 552-2528, stop by the Fine and Performing Arts Office in C203 or call Deb Golas at 552-2485. And don't miss this comedy of menace!

Acclaimed Pianist At Springfield Symphony On Sat., Nov. 23rd

Andre-Michel Schub, acclaimed pianist, will play the part of the "Emperor of the Ivories" as he performs Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra on November 23, 1996 at 8:00 p.m.

Symphony Hall will set the scene for the concert which also features the Springfield Symphony Chorus and sopranos Victoria Litherland and Pamela Jones and baritone Steven Tharp in Mendelssohn's *Symphony No. 2* ("Song of Praise").

The Springfield Symphony Chorus, a 105-member volunteer organization, attracts singers from towns throughout the region who will join the SSO and soloists along with the University of Connecticut Concert Choir for this rare performance of Mendelssohn's masterpiece.

A discussion of the evening's program will be given by Maestro Smith as part of the Classical Conversations series, sponsored by Northwestern Mutual at Symphony Hall. The Box Office and doors to the hall will open at 6:45 with the talk beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the concert must be purchased before entering Classical Conversations.

The concert is sponsored by the Wood Family Foundation. Additional funding has been provided in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Business Friends of the Arts.

Tickets are still available ranging from \$7 to \$35 at the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Box Office, 75 Market Place, or can be charged by phone at 413-733-2291.

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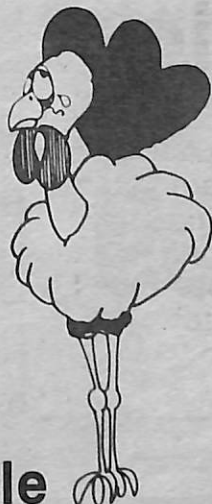
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Education

Agawam High Benefitting From U.S. Defense Dept.'s Computers

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Agawam High School students are benefiting from an executive order signed by President Bill Clinton four years ago to improve math and science education in support of national education goals.

It's a classic win/win situation. The Department of Defense needs to remain state-of-the-art in computer technology, and the nation's schools are always on the lookout for more/better/newer everything, especially computers.

For AHS students, the federal program means \$7,000 worth of computer equipment, including PC's with Windows capability, monitors, and modems.

Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Frank Gorman, commander of the Defense Contract Management Command (DCMC) at Hamilton Standard, said the Department of Defense (DOD) is committed to helping improve the quality of life in communities where military installations exist.

Donating excess equipment to schools, police departments, and community organizations is an efficient way for the DOD to off-load equipment that has outlived its use to the military, but would still be of use to the community, Gorman said.

When the computer equipment became available for donation, civilian DCMC Team Leader Prabodh Reshamwala, a Feeding Hills resident, arranged for the school to apply for the program.

"I've been close to the high school for a while," Reshamwala said. "My daughters go to school here, and I have heard them saying the school didn't have the kind of computers we're lucky to have at home."

AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski added, "We more than appreciate the support we get from the many businesses and civic groups who believe in what we're doing at Agawam High School. And this is another good example of support for public education. And it's a good thing for the kids to see that people do care."

Gorman said his office is looking for more avenues for donating surplus software and equipment to area schools and police departments.

Anyone interested in getting more information on the DOD surplus equipment program can contact Lt. Col. Frank Gorman at (860) 654-5301.

"The invitation is out and I'm the point of contact," Gorman said.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL Joseph Zabielski is pictured with U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Frank Gorman (right) and Hamilton Standard employee Prabodh Reshamwala from Feeding Hills, with \$7,000 worth of computer equipment from the Department of Defense. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Middle School PTO News

The merchandise is in for our fundraiser. If you ordered something from a middle school student and have not received your merchandise, please call Theresa Shea at 786-0651 or Jan Lapins at 786-6806.

We would like to thank the Lions Club and Hood for their donations towards our Halloween party. A good time was had by all. Also, our thanks to all the children that donated to UNICEF; it is always a worthy cause.

We would like to thank everyone that baked for and worked at our Election Day Bake Sale, especially Sue Hamlett for coordinating it. It was a great success.

The Accelerated Reading Program is up and running at the school. Ask your child what it is all about!

We are still collecting Campbell's Soup labels.

and General Mills Cereal box tops to be redeemed for items to be used in the school.

Library and office volunteers are still needed in the school. Anyone interested please contact the office.

Upcoming events:

Next PTO meeting will be held on December 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All parents and teachers are welcome.

Santa's Workshop will be coming to the Middle School. This is held during school hours and your child can purchase items to be given to others for the upcoming holidays.

We will be holding a canned goods drive to help those less fortunate.

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AHS Guidance...

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Reflecting On Thanksgiving

What an interesting experience Mrs. Gould, Ms. Mazzie (my intern), and I had two Thursdays ago! We donned the hats of teachers and went into the health classes to discuss what feelings and meanings are associated with Thanksgiving.

The classes were comprised mostly of ninth graders and I gotta tell you, they were not shy. Readily they shared with us and made our teaching experience a positive one.

First, we had each student write what Thanksgiving means to him/her and how it makes him/her feel. Not surprisingly, they were able to come up with more meanings than feelings. This was discussed and it was decided that it is safer to talk about things than it is to talk about feelings. Feelings bare your soul, often make you uncomfortable, and make you come to grips with emotions that you wish you could hide.

Some of the following are the written thoughts we received. I'll share a few positive ones first.

Thanksgiving means a time of gathering with my family and a time of giving thanks for the things that we are so fortunate to have. I like Thanksgiving because everybody is always happy and everybody gets along. (Is there a hidden message here? Without the large gathering, does the family not get along?)

I love Thanksgiving because I love to eat and watch football. Thanksgiving means a lot of fattening food. It means football games watched by the men in the family and occasionally your delirious grandmother, who is going nuts from the past five hours of cooking!

Thanksgiving is a very good holiday and it makes me feel excited that Christmas is on the way. Thanksgiving means being with family and sharing a huge feast with all of your loved ones and the people who you really care about. I am thankful that I have family around that love me.

I am thankful we now have a home. I am thankful for being healthy. When Thanksgiving comes, it means turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, and lots of other food, but it's actually when the pilgrims and Indians ate a feast.

I don't ever remember a time in my life when I was not happy during a major holiday. I get time off from school and my brother comes home from college. I am thankful for friends.

There were negative thoughts about Thanksgiving, too.

Sometimes I feel sad, angry, and depressed. All the family gets together and some people do not get along. Thanksgiving is the time when you eat with your family and then hope to leave as soon as possible because they are too annoying.

Thanksgiving is boring. (It would be interesting to find out why.) Thanksgiving is stuffed in one small room with 10 of my grumpy old relatives and my brother and sister. We all sit around screaming and fighting with one another. Thanksgiving sucks!

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Wow! You can really sense some unhappy campers in the above statements! So, we decided to address the issue of feeling stressed and unhappy during the holiday season.

From sharing ideas, we came up with the following reasons for stress: loss of a close family member or friend, illness or injury, divorce, moving, and masking feelings. Next, we made lists of positive and negative ways to deal with stress.

Some positive ways to deal with stress are talking, writing things down, playing and listening to music, or exercising. Some negative ways are fighting, drinking, drugging, and acting mean to others so they will start feeling unhappy, too. After all, misery loves company. The drinking and the drugging would allow the hurting, stressed-out person to not feel, but unfortunately this is just a stopgap measure, and the stressed-out feelings will reappear.

When anger and stress are not defused, they are internalized and turn into depression. Suicide can occur when the person feels hopeless, that there is no way out.

Students shared with us stories of people they knew who had thought of or attempted suicide. Insightful poems were read. A discussion ensued concerning what to do if you know someone who is contemplating suicide ... how important it is to take that person seriously and to seek help immediately.

I must say I was so impressed by the students with whom we shared. They are insightful and caring. They learned from us and we learned from them. Each realized how important it is not only to speak, but also to listen.

For many, the class gave them time to pause and to really think about the meaning of Thanksgiving in their lives. Mrs. Gould, Ms. Mazzie, and I were thankful we had the opportunity to meet with them.

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: Congratulations! Patti Olson — University of South Carolina. Seth Bertone-Gross — University of Montana, Montana State University, University of Idaho.

MILITARY: Congratulations! Matthew Bulmer — Navy. Michael DiMatteo — Marines. Mark Vincze — Navy.

Joseph Diabo — Navy.
SCHOLARSHIPS: See Mrs. Williams for more information.

The following colleges are offering scholarships to students who plan to enroll there.

* New Jersey Institute of Technology.
* American Musical and Dramatic Academy.
* Tufts University (Minority Students).
OPEN HOUSES: See Mrs. Williams for more information.

Dean College — November 23rd.
Worcester State College — November 25th.
Springfield College Athletic Training Career Day — Sunday, December 8th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, November 27th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, seasoned mixed vegetables, fresh Mac apple or jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, November 28th: Thanksgiving Day (no school).

Friday, November 29th: No school.

* **REMINDER:** Elementary lunch is \$1. (Tickets must be purchased on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: the Agawam School Lunch.)

Junior High PTO To Meet On Monday, November 25th

The next meeting of the Agawam Junior High School PTO will be held on Monday, November 25th, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For further information, contact Donna Shibley at 786-3888.

Ag. Facilitation Team Plans Next Meeting For Monday, Nov. 25

The Agawam Facilitation Team has announced that it will be holding a meeting on Monday, November 25th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library.

At this meeting, those in attendance will learn about all the exciting possibilities for progress that exist for the Agawam Public Schools in a trusting, organized environment.

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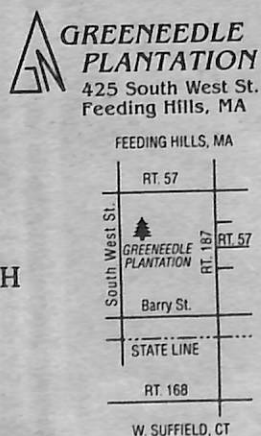
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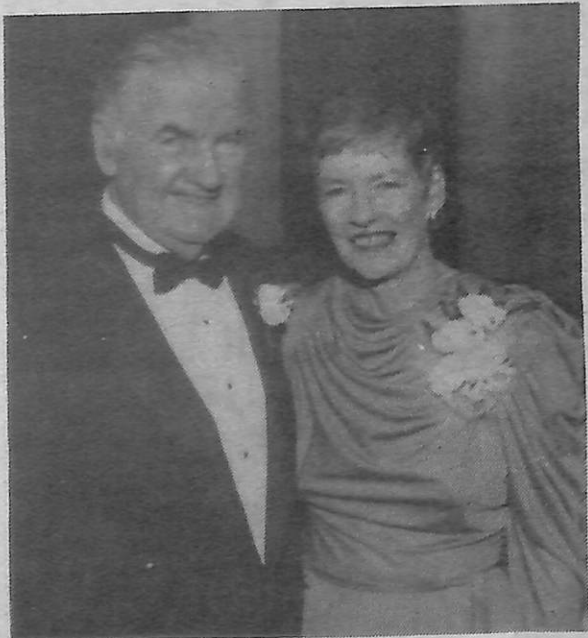
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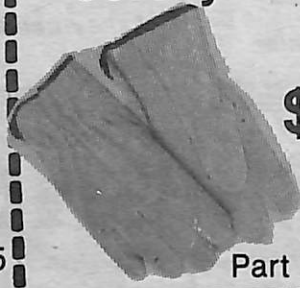


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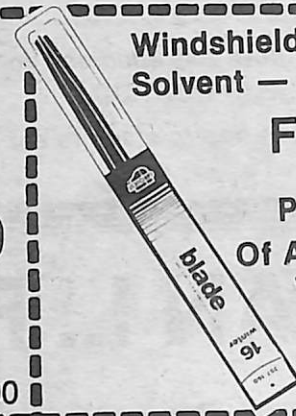
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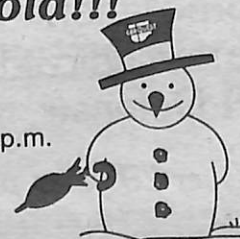


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Granger School - Grade 1 Ms. Liptak & Mrs. Carra

Ms. Liptak and Mrs. Carra's first grade classrooms at Granger School recently had a visitor from Plymouth Plantation.

Goodwife Bassett came dressed as a pilgrim in 17th century clothing, speaking in 17th century dialect, and carrying a basket of reproduction artifacts and clothing.

The children learned that the children of 1627 Plymouth spent most of the day working. The boys went hunting, fishing, and farming while the girls did the cooking. Everyone enjoyed their visit with the "Pilgrim."

What We Learned About The Pilgrims Of Plymouth Plantation (GRADE 1 - Mrs. Carra - Room 13)

- When she taught us how to start a fire.
Emily Wojnarowicz
- I liked it when she showed us the spoons.
Felicia Favreau.
- I learned how to bow when I greet someone.
Andrew Dean
- I liked how the corn felt.
Brian Moran
- I learned about the house.
Katie Figella
- I learned how to make a fire.
Jeffrey Auld
- I learned about pilgrim clothes.
Jeffrey Footit
- I learned how the house was set up. It was small.
Meghan Masciadrelli
- The corn looked like it would taste good.
Stephen Parent
- The corn looked good to eat.
Edward Daigneau
- The children had to serve dinner to their parents.
Carisa Bobskill
- I learned how the children "folded up" their beds.
Amber Page
- The children had to stand to eat dinner.
Paul Fournier

- They had a good dinner of fish and turkey.
Evan Spear
- I learned about their dishes.
DeAnna Ronca
- I learned how the children set the table.
Allison O'Brien
- I liked the big drinking cup.
Matthew Gushue
- They used a horn book. The children wore gowns.
Elizabeth Mattarazzo
- I learned how corn grows. The farmer has to hoe the weeds.
Jeremy Lathrop
- They used a horn book to read.
Jovany Rodriguez
- How to plant corn with a fish.
Nathan Lovotti
- How to start a fire with a flint and a striker.
Bryan Shields
- I liked it when I ate with Allison. We ate mashed potatoes and macaroni.
Charles Moberg
- I liked it when we pretended to eat steak and macaroni.
Brianna St. Peter

What Did You Like Best About The Pilgrims Of Plymouth? Or What Did You Learn? (GRADE 1 - Ms. Liptak - Room 17)

- We felt the animals' fur.
Christina Korney
- They showed us metal marbles.
Kendrick O'Connor
- I dressed up as a pilgrim.
Britteney Connell
- They showed marbles.
Kyle Burmeister
- How to make chocolate pudding.
Jamie Litchfield
- We learned a song.
Nora O'Connell
- I liked how they traded with the Indians.
Brian Boisvert
- Their houses were little.
Stephen Hodge
- We learned songs.
Amber Smith
- Washing the dishes.
Joseph King
- She showed us how she makes a fire.
Amanda Olmo
- Passing the pots around.
Eric Lane
- When I played the role of the pilgrim boy.
Anthony Lee
- I learned how to bow.
Christina Cichowski
- The cup with four handles.
Jessica Saimeri
- I liked the big marbles.
Aaron Manley
- When she dressed up Britteney and Paul.
Brittany Morris
- Picking up wood.
David Dziardziel
- When she passed around the corn.
Derek D'Amours
- We pretended to go hunting.
David Proulx
- A new song.
Carla Rosati
- She let us hold her cup and spoon.
Shawn Roberge
- That they used sticks for washing dishes.
Paul Vermette

Young People's Concert To Honor 'Family Life Week'

A special event will take place on Sunday, November 24th, at 3:00 p.m. The Young People's Symphony (conducted by Patrick C. Smith) and the Young People's Philharmonia (under the baton of Laurie K. Redmer) will present a concert in celebration of "Family Life Week," sponsored by area Scottish Rite Masons.

The concert will be presented at the Masonic Temple at 339 State Street, Springfield, and there is no charge. An ice cream social, which is also free, will follow the concert.

The Western Massachusetts Youth Orchestras, which were started in 1945 by Alexander Leslie, are composed of outstanding youth musicians whose talent and dedication have earned them an opportunity to perform with these wonderful organizations.

This is the fourth year that they have helped the local Masons celebrate "Family Life Week," and their usual excellent performance is anticipated.

All are most welcome to enjoy the concert and ice cream social.

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Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Sports

Crush 1st Place Team AHS Football Stuns Comp With 31-8 Win

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Will the real Agawam High School football team please show up?

That was the cry of the Brownie faithful through most of the early part of the football season. And no wonder — they were 0-4 after the Holyoke game on October 11th. The 1996 low point had come the week before when they led Minnechaug Regional in the first half, 21-0. They ended up losing, 28-27.

Some of us were starting to forget what Coach Dean Vecchiarelli had said before the season began: "We're going to get better all the time."

Last Friday night at Chicopee Comp, they were really better, beating up and stunning the possible Super Bowl-bound Colts, 31-8, to raise their record to 4-5 (3-3 in AA Conference). Comp (8-2, 4-1) must beat Central to get there.

They gave the game ball to senior Phil McGeoghan for his three TD's (33 and nine yards) on passes from quarterback Eric Melbourne. He also lit up the board and the faithful with a 70-yard end-around as time was running out in the game for his league-leading 17th TD.

But a plethora of pigskins could just have easily been handed out to the Brownie coaching staff because they had these kids ready to play. You could tell it in their eyes as they began their trip down the stone steps that lead to the Comp field.

Those eyes were as dark as the parking lot they'd just crossed. As Quint said about the great white shark in "Jaws": "They had eyes like a doll's eyes. There was no pity in 'em."

Indeed, they were ready. There would be no pity for Comp. "Yeah, I guess you could say we were ready. They couldn't do much against us," Vec smiled.

Agawam started out slamming tailback Jeff Blews into the Comp line. The tough, 5'7", 160-pound kid thrives on contact. He'd just as soon give you a leg and put out your other side than take it away. Blewsie would gain 162 yards and record two TD's on 27 carries. And the Colts were starting to pay a little too much attention to him. That was a mistake.

Former St. Mary's High Coach...

Successor To Martin Hired For Boys' Hoop Post

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

After months of speculation and controversy, Agawam High School has a new boys' varsity basketball coach. The man named to the job is Gary Grumoli, the executive director of the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club.

Grumoli will replace long-time Coach Mike Martin who was dismissed last February by the School Department after allegedly making strong and insulting statements to one of his players after a tough loss. Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney made the decision to dismiss Martin with the support of former Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder.

Martin, a Feeding Hills resident, had led the Brownies for 11 seasons.

Federal Magistrate's Ruling

Grumoli's hiring came several weeks after a federal magistrate in Springfield refused to force the School Department to reinstate Martin to the post. Martin still has a nine-count civil rights suit in federal court and a case with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination pending at presstime.

Grumoli is a graduate of Holyoke High School. He played there for three years and was an All-Western Mass. guard. During his playing days, the Purple Knights won the Western Mass. title twice.

He also started for three years at Springfield College and was a team captain in his senior year. He coached Division III St. Mary's High School of Westfield from 1985-1989. He led the Saints to several Western Mass. tournaments. He has also spent the last seven years as a local school basketball referee.

Grumoli said his main concern was preparing for tryouts on Monday, December 2nd. He said the circumstances surrounding his eventual hiring do not bother him. "I applied here because it was an open position. What happened between the former coach and the administration doesn't concern me. I am happy to be here."

Grumoli will inherit a team on the verge of becoming one of the stronger ones in the area. He said he hopes the team can play an up-tempo game. "People seem to like that kind of style," he told us. Grumoli noted that the addition of a

30-second clock this year will force the schoolboy game to speed up.

Grumoli said the program here and the returning personnel are not new to him. "I officiated three of their games last year," he said.

Grumoli is uncertain if he will be changing some of the returning players' positions because he has to take a close look at everyone once tryouts begin. The team won't have much time to prepare because they open against Westfield at home on Tuesday, December 17th.

Martin Saw It Coming

The man who is out of the job now seemed to be resigned that he will never get it back. "I guess I saw it coming. But I hoped it wouldn't happen," Martin told us.

Martin felt he was behind the eight-ball from the beginning. "I was never given an opportunity to state my case (at his interview for the job a few weeks back). Mr. Zabielski (the High School principal and chief interviewer) should have heard me out. There seemed to be no response from him and no conversation. The School Committee turned a deaf ear as well."

When asked if he thought there was a vendetta against him, Martin responded, "I don't know. I can't speak for anyone else. I did a lot of good work in this town. Hearsay is no way to judge a person's character."

Martin did mention that a letter from School Superintendent Dr. Frank Ameruso, which stated he would not be considered again for the basketball post, had been rescinded (as suggested in the federal magistrate's ruling). Martin added that this came with no apology.

Martin said he still plans to carry out his civil rights suit and his case with the MCAD. He feels he is being discriminated against because he's 48 years-old and also because of his gender. "I will proceed with the suit. I have to clear my name," Martin said.

Ameruso declined further comment on the matter when contacted by *The Advertiser News*. He did say that Grumoli and the team should now be concerned with getting ready for the upcoming season.

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Brownie JV Football Ends Fall Campaign With Loss To Comp

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High junior varsity football team wound up its season on Monday with a tough, 12-8 loss to Chicopee Comprehensive.

In the first quarter, it was a defensive struggle that saw Agawam rise up and stop a Colt scoring drive at one point. Both teams, staying mostly on the ground, continually traded the ball.

Comp finally struck in the second quarter on a 40-yard drive. The extra point was no good. At halftime, Agawam was down, 6-0.

Comp scored late in the third on a sustained drive, capped off by a 20-yard TD pass. Agawam, though, played tough. Andy St. Jean hit Tony Planzo off a 63-yard bomb in the fourth quarter. "It was a nice play," JV Coach Mike Birk noted. "Tony adjusted well and Andy had the ball right there." Vinnie Curto got the two-point conversion to make it 12-8, Comp.

Agawam tried an onside kick with time running out. It didn't work, but the effort was there (just not the luck).

On his team, which finished 2-7, Birk admitted that was about what he expected. "We were very inexperienced, especially on our offensive line," he said. "But like the game against Comp, we didn't give up. And we learned a lot just by playing hard."

He feels his team will have to lift lots of weights this winter. Agawam High has an impressive weight room. The coaches hope to start a weight club run by a strength coach who'll give free instruction.

Birk singled out several kids who showed a lot of promise during the year. Junior Ian Lane, at tight end, has good hands. Bob Fuller, a sophomore, was impressive at fullback. Sophomore Mike Pedrazza was good enough to get a couple of starts this year with the varsity.

"We'll get some pleasant surprises next year from these kids. It always seems to happen," Birk added.

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At 11:53 of the second quarter, with a third down and 19, Melbourne sent McGeoghan over the middle. As usual, the tall senior was looking at double coverage. He split them up and snagged a nicely thrown ball for a TD. Even though the extra point for two was missed, the Colt fans needed oxygen. This was not how the script was supposed to read.

Several Comp dads in the stands smiled weakly. "This is the way it always goes with us. We start out slow and end up fast." It was interesting; as the game wound down, the only speed we saw was how fast they got out of there.

Again, Agawam went back on the grass with Blews doing the mowing. No matter which part of the Colt defense he attacked, they gave ground. "Our offensive line also played great," Vec said.

Jeff Blews' "One-Man March"...

At 5:53 of the second quarter (after a George Graves fumble recovery), Blews went on a one-man march. But Comp must have thought they'd gotten stuck in the Million Man March. Blews lugged the ball on consecutive carries of 12, six, six, six again, followed by a five-yard TD effort at the 2:42 mark. It became a 12-0 game with a failed two-pointer.

Once again, Agawam was playing inspired "D" led by Brian Gallagher and McGeoghan, who snared a pick with 2:38 left in the half to end the Colts' threat at the Brownie 28.

Then Blews set up another air strike with a 54-yard ramble (his 16th carry of the half) up the middle, around, and over assorted Colts before a

desperation stop by safety Bill Pagel kept him from the end zone.

Now Comp had to be hearing voices. They had no answers because Melbourne hooked up with McGeoghan (again) for a nine-yard score. It was McGeoghan's 14th TD catch of the season.

The half ended 18-0, Brownies.

The second 24 minutes was more of the same. Agawam, with Blews now getting some help from Kevin Perreault (seven carries - 34 yards) and Brian Gallagher (six - 33 yards), pounded away. Blews pounded the ball in from one yard out at 3:09 of the third. The kick failed. And by this time, Comp had to know it was over. Four turnovers — the interception and three fumbles — had to add to their sinking feeling as the night wore on.

They scored their lone touchdown at 11:02 of the fourth. A two-point conversion made the score 24-8, Brownies.

The final Brownie tally was the 70-yard end-around by McGeoghan. Because of their fine performance over the past five weeks (where they've gone 4-1), Agawam has a chance at a .500 season on Thanksgiving Day against West Springfield.

BROWNIE STATS:

Blews, 27 - 162, two TD's; Perreault, 7 - 34; Gallagher, 6 - 33; McGeoghan, 3 - 60, one TD; and Graves, 2 - four.

PASSING:

Melbourne, nine atts., two completions, 42 yards, two TD's, one int., one sack, minus five.

RECEIVING:

McGeoghan, two catches, 42 yards, two TD's. (BROWNIE NOTES: On Thanksgiving Day, Agawam will be at arch-rival West Springfield.)

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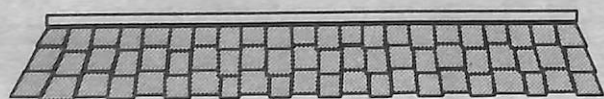


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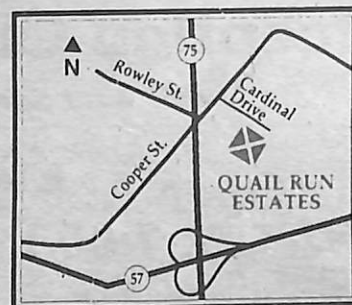
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Undefeated AHS Gymnasts Ready For Western Mass. Tournament

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

On Friday, the Agawam High girls' gymnastics team will find itself with the best of the best in Western Massachusetts at the Western Massachusetts tournament at Minnechaug Regional High School.

"It will be a long one," Brownie Coach Angela Sullivan noted. "There will be seven teams. Each team will field two squads, so the meet will last four to five hours."

The Brownies are coming off a very successful season, with a 10-0 record in Western Massachusetts and a 9-0 slate in their conference. They did have one post-season setback — a 128-123 loss last Saturday to Minnechaug in the PVIAC Tournament. Earlier in the year, Agawam had a win over the powerful Falcons.

The coach feels her team is looking pretty good for this tournament. "Lindsay (Haddam) is ready for the all-arounds, which will be the uneven bars, vault, beam, and floors. She's just a sophomore but is already an accomplished gymnast," Sullivan noted.

There might be a small problem for All-Western Mass star Melanie DeMastrie. "Mel injured her wrist in last Saturday's meet," Sullivan admitted. "We hope she'll be ready for this one."

It's important for DeMastrie to be as strong as possible because one of her best events is the uneven bars (the toughest of all disciplines for the women) where arm and wrist strength is crucial, according to Sullivan.

The coach also expects sophomore Lisa Marsh

to step up and do well on the beam, as well as the floor. "Lisa is trained as a dancer, where timing and grace are stressed," Sullivan said.

"We're going to have to be right on for this tournament because it will be so tough," Sullivan admitted. She did note that they beat all seven of Friday's opponents during the regular season. She said that Minnechaug Regional, Waconah Regional, and Pittsfield High will be their main foes if the Brownies are to be successful.

Sullivan looked back on the season and said she had some surprises along the way. Some of her kids came along faster than she expected them to. Also, she was pleasantly surprised by their first win over Minnechaug, then equally surprised when they lost to them last weekend.

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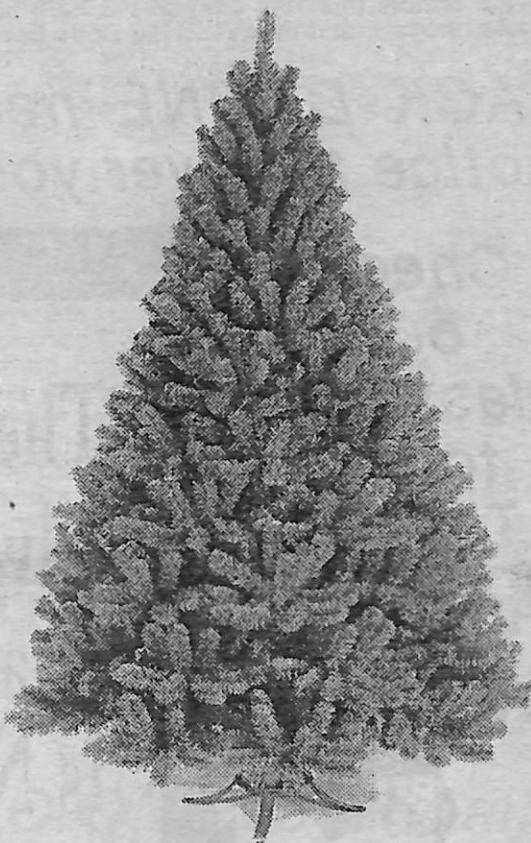
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| Kennedy's Green Machine | 8 3 1 17 |
| Reilly's Black Widows | 6 3 3 15 |
| Adams' Red Fireballs | 5 4 3 13 |
| Francis' Lady Bugs | 3 7 2 8 |
| Knodler's Orange Bombers | 2 7 3 7 |
| Klimczak's Gold Stingers | 1 8 3 5 |

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Todd Godfrey Of AHS Named Sportsman By Mass. Athletic Agency

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High School soccer player Todd Godfrey got a nice award recently. It came by way of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA). The senior was given the "Sportsmanship" certificate, complete with a suitable-for-framing picture of the honor and a letter which read, in part:

Dear Todd,

It was wonderful to learn of your exemplary sportsmanship. Ethics and integrity expressed through sportsmanship must be the flagship of high school athletics. Congratulations on your commitment to these values.

The enclosed certificate of recognition is the MIAA way of saying "Thank you" for showing Sportsmanship: the only way to win!"

The letter was signed by Richard F. Neal, MIAA executive director.

Todd was mildly surprised. "I really didn't think I'd get something like that. I didn't think I was special when I played. I just competed clean and hard."

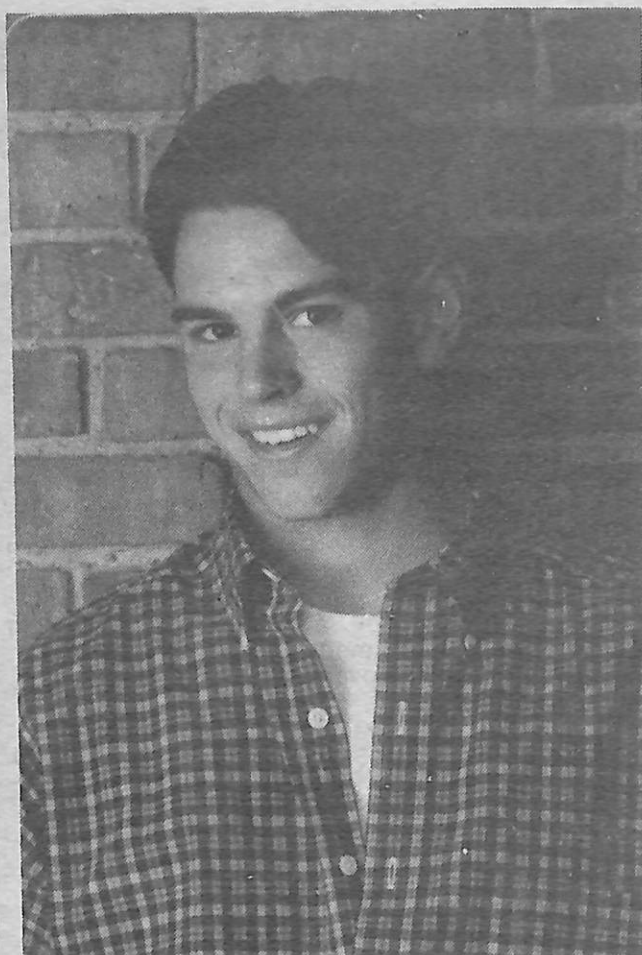
Todd knows who nominated him - Agawam High Athletic Director Kathy McSweeney. "During a game with West Springfield, I had a pretty violent collision with one of their players. We went down hard. It's always highly emotional when we play them. I simply helped the kid up and we continued on. I think she saw that and submitted my name."

No Stranger To Collisions

Todd should know about violent collisions and their aftermaths. During the game at Amherst last October 11th, Todd had a trainwreck with Hurricane star Rob Russell. The outcome - they both broke a leg. They had to take Russell away in an ambulance. Todd was out for the season.

A ceremony might go with the award, although Todd isn't sure. Maybe they'll do something at the soccer banquet.

Todd feels he shows sportsmanship because his father told him that you don't need cheap shots to get your point across.



AHS SENIOR TODD GODFREY

He looks back on the season, which saw the Brownies go to the Western Mass. Division I final before losing to Cathedral, 4-1. "We didn't have the depth of quick players as we might have liked. But we had a core of good, all-around athletes." He did admit that not playing for the final eight games of his senior year was tough for him. But Coach Dwight Northrup made him an honorary coach. "That helped," he smiled.

He says his leg is almost healed and he's looking forward to baseball season, where the Brownies are the defending Western Mass. Division I champs.

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Hard Work & Commitment Leads AHS Back To Pinnacle Of Boys' Soccer

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Two days before the team's first Division I soccer final in 10 years, Agawam High soccer Coach Dwight Northrup had a blackboard session with his players. During that session, he stressed what had gotten them to the Western Mass. finals - defense. He knew Springfield Cathedral would bore in on the goal. Like all good coaches who strive to build a top-notch program, he knew what he would be up against. His players knew what they'd be facing as well.

That done, he did what most coaches do. There was no more preparation. His kids, as well as he and his staff, were as ready as they could ever be. He left what was to come to the field. He sat in the coach's office with the look of a man who'd done all that could possibly be done. The hard work was over. What would come next was, indeed, what it was all about.

"I've been here four years now," the coach said. "I took over a program that was going nowhere. I had no time-frame for how well we'd perform. We got into the playoffs in 1995 for the first time in many years. (A first-round loss to Amherst.) My record to this point is 30-33-11."

Proud Of His Kids

The he went on. He was a coach obviously pro-

ud of the kids he coached. "This team has worked very hard to get to the next level. They are the most cohesive team I've ever been involved with. If you looked it up in the dictionary, you would see the definition of this team in one word - unselfish. They were willing to play every position I asked them to play. I asked them to play defense, which in any sport is the hardest thing to do, because it takes so much energy out of you. And they never quit, even when they were exhausted. Our bottom line was we were exactly what you saw on the field. That was our identity."

Then Northrup added, "We were attacked by a lot of very good teams. We had to have a great defense because in this part of the state, that's the way it goes. Cathedral has a great defense. You can't be a soccer coach here and not stress defense."

Upcoming Battle

The coach stopped for a moment. It was obvious he was savoring the upcoming battle. Then he added, "We are not a flash-in-the-pan. We haven't come and gone. We've arrived. This year, we've scored twice as many goals as we've allowed. Last year it was 50-50. We're doing all the right

things now. We're doing what a championship team does.

"When I took over this program, there were stars here, guys like Todd Boskiewicz and Mike Domaingue. We had warriors like Chris Chechile. We had guys like Jeff Rousseau. It was tough to coach them because it took so much time to get them into what I was trying to do.

"I never heard the catcalls from the stands when we had our down years. I know you probably don't believe me on that. The fans have been 99 percent supportive. I've always treated myself and my coaching staff (Coaches Glenn Olson and Al O'Quinn) with the greatest of respect. None of us do this for the little bit of money we get. We do this because it's important."

Then the coach went on, and you couldn't help but listen. "This is the beginning," he said. "This is frosting on the cake. We've put standards and values on our kids. They've measured up."

The locals lost, 4-1 to the powerful and undefeated Panthers at cold Szot Park. It was not unexpected. But what is now expected is that AHS will return in 1997 as a team mentioned with the traditional soccer powers in the region, not as a flash-in-the-pan.



Ag. Soccer Association U-12 In-Town Champs

Team members of the Agawam Soccer Association's boys U-12 in-town champs were recently crowned. Team members are pictured with Coach Mike Lyman. Standing - Jeff Sabola, Brendan Cavanaugh, Nick Lyman, John Whang, Greg Curtis, Brendan Lewis. Front row - Tom Bertrand, Bryan Riley, Phil Prouty, Doug Curtis, Scott Houghtaling. Missing - James Messier, Dave Corliss, and Chris Evans.

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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Area bowhunters are reporting that the deer are not in their usual locations this year. Despite the large deer population in this area of the state, success rates are down.

The peak of the rut is almost here, and bucks will be roaming in search of lady friends with a renewed intensity. Near record cold at this time of year may have had some influence on the activity level of both the deer as well as the archers.

With daybreak temperatures sinking to the single numbers on some occasions, it's awfully hard to stay motionless in a tree stand. In the past, one of my biggest problems is that the deer could hear my teeth chattering at a greater distance than my field of vision.

This upcoming period of weather moderation, coupled with the peak of the rut, should bring the harvest numbers back into line.

Area lakes and the Connecticut River are producing some jumbo perch, crappies, and very respectable largemouth action. Falling water temperatures coupled with recent cold spells have moved the fish into deeper, more temperature stable water.

Slow presentation is the key to catching these somewhat more sluggish fish. In area lakes, look for deeper drop-offs, creek channels, and spring holes. With the thermocline breaking up due to the colder surface water, oxygen concentrations in deeper water are now more suitable to the liking of the fish.

"Drop baits" like Silver Buddies of small lead head jigs with a twister tail or tipped with a small shiner will often produce the desired result. The key is to remember that the water temperature affects the fish's activity level. Fast lure presentations will most often go fishless. The fish's metabolism is dependent on the temperature of the water, so slow down your retrieve.

Fish deep and slow, when you find fish, chances are good that there will be a concentration of them. Above all, make sure you are properly dressed for this weather and wear your p.f.d. Hypothermia is no laughing matter, and survival in near freezing water is a matter of only a few short minutes.

BIRD HUNTERS GROUSING ABOUT PHEASANT

Some area bird hunters are taking pheasant with fair regularity while hunting behind some good bird dogs. More commonly, we hear stories of proven dogs failing to have a find all morning while hunting cover that has been productive in the past.

Some claim that the closure of the Wilbraham pheasant farm is to blame, while others cling to the notion that changing the rule to allow the harvest of hens is at fault.



TEAM MEMBERS of the Red Storm, champs of the Agawam Soccer Association's U-10 Boys In-Town Division I. Back row - Coaches Ralph Myers and Craig Little. Middle row -Derek Myers, Trevor Gregor, Brian Athas, Jason Lisee, Jeremy Skiba, Robbie Menard, and Nathan Little. Front row - Erik Jensen, Andrew Jensen, Brian Simpson, Gennaro Santaniello, Tim Alfano, Daniel Cosgrove, and Andrew Turner.

Red Storm Win Championship Of ASA's U-10 Boys In-Town League

The "Red Storm" is the championship team this season for Under 10/Division I boys' soccer.

The team's coach, Ralph Myers, made the following statement after "Red Storm" accomplished this goal:

"I would like to thank the Under 10/Division I boys' soccer league — and my team, in particular — for a great season. The 'Red Storm' players worked hard all season long and played together as a team. I would also like to thank the parents

for their support all season long."

He added, "I'd especially like to thank my assistant coach, Craig Little, for doing an outstanding job working with these kids. 'Red Storm,' you earned it ... it was an awesome season!"

The team members of "Red Storm" are Derek Myers, Trevor Gregor, Brian Athas, Jason Lisee, Jeremy Skiba, Robbie Menard, Nathan Little, Erik Jensen, Andrew Jensen, Brian Simpson, Gennaro Santaniello, Tim Alfano, Daniel Cosgrove, and Andrew Turner.

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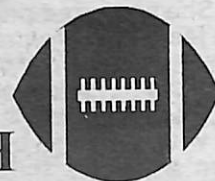
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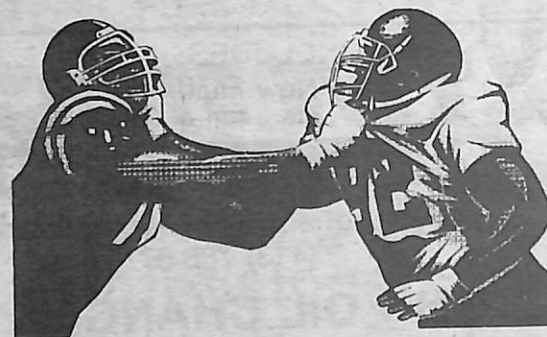
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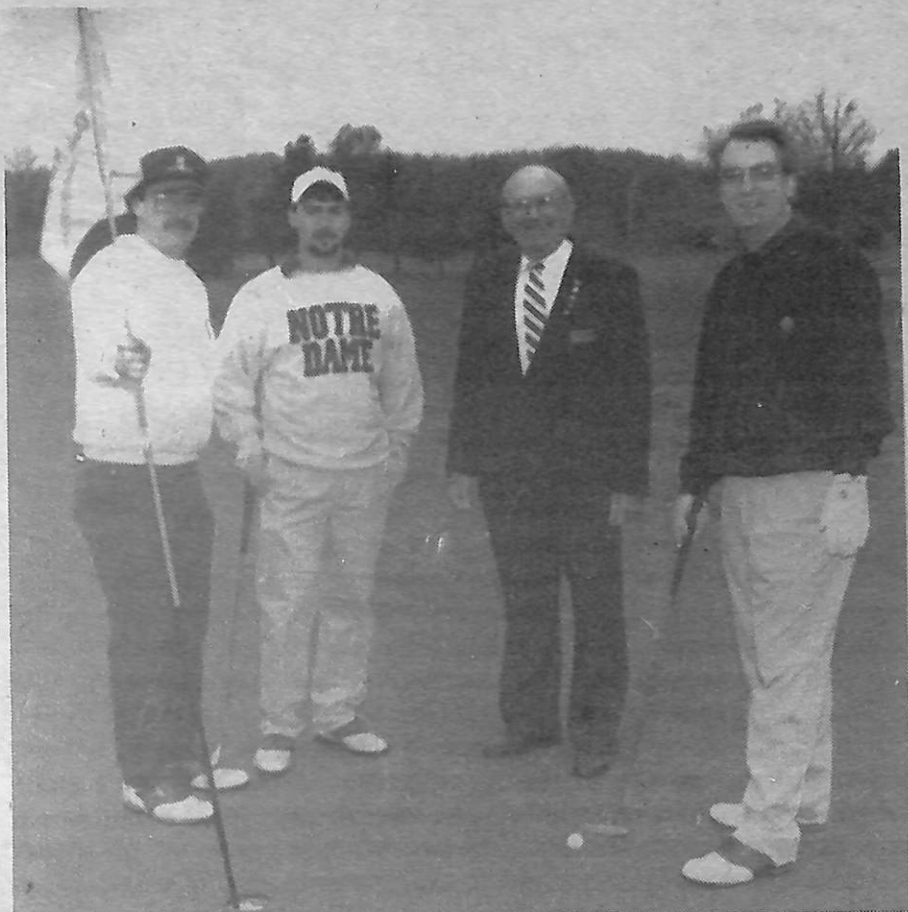
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Middle School Soccer Sign-Ups



ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, sign-ups were held at the Agawam Middle School for the school's soccer program. Back row (standing) - Denny Marr and Steve Fox; front row (seated) - Dave Boisvert, Scott Skolnick, and Nick Alfano. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

St. Michael Is Now The Leader In The Tri-Parish Bowling League

The latest frolics at the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League finally saw one team, St. Michael (21 wins), break out of the pack and take a grip on first place in Round One.

St. Mike's defeated fifth place Boston College (16 wins), three wins to one. St. Mike's winners were second roller "Steady" JEAN BUONICONTI (295-291 over DAVEY BOY ALDRICH; Jean is at 94.21 in Women's AA), third roller LARRY FORTIER (279, leads Men's B at 101.9), and Captain JERRY ALLEN, a 361-322 victor over a howling "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK. Allen is again the league strongman at 121.20, while "Jungle" Jim is at 99.23 in Men's A.

The lone winner for BC was leadoff DORIS FORTIER. She squeezed past TAMMY VOGEL, 249-247 (Doris leads the Women's B at 89.11).

Fordham is back in second place (17 wins) after facing eighth place Notre Dame (14 wins). Fordham winners were LINDA TOBEY (245, 76.22 in Women's C) and third roller JOHN LONCRINI (316-304 over MARY THOMAS; John is at 101.17 in Men's A). Winning for Notre Dame was Captain FLO ROCHFORD, who had her first really big night of the season in defeating a disappointed "Jollie" OLLIE MULDER, 340-329. Flo was last year's women's rolling queen but is still trying to

return to form. She is fourth in the Women's Open class at 99.9. The "Jollie" one is at 108.3 but wasn't happy with the results on this night.

Also winning for Notre Dame was second roller VENETTA SNYDER (274, leads Women's A at 93.8).

Over on Lanes 5 & 6, third place St. Mary (17 wins) was on fire against a dazed and fazed St. Louis team (4th place/16 wins). MAUREEN LYN-COSKY began the blitz for St. Mary's with a leadoff score of 342 (91.18 in Women's A). Next up was new roller BOB BURKE, who launched a huge 334 and upped his average to 93.2 in the Unclassified. The third big winner for St. Mary's was Captain RICH SNYDER. He rocketed the lanes for a big 383 in defeating a stunned GLENN "Not Sam" ADAMS (351), the St. Lou captain. Richie raised his average to 108.5 in Men's AA. "Not Sam" Adams leads the Men's AA at 116.4.

The lone winner for St. Louis was third roller LARRY AVERY (298, 93.18 in Men's B).

Next up on the lanes were sixth place St. Anselm (16 wins), and seventh place Catholic University (15 wins). CU winners were CORI NAPOLITAN (297, 95.1 in Women's AA) and Captain BILL "Black & Blue" GRAY. "Black & Blue" launched a torrid 386 at none other than famous St. A's Captain "Luscious" LOU MULDER (292).

"Luscious" was waving the white flag after this one, but "Black & Blue" took no prisoners. "Luscious" watched his average dip to 105.6 in Men's AA, while "Black & Blue" Gray has a puffed average of 119.12 in the Men's Open class.

The two winners for St. A's were leadoff LAURA SNYDER (265, 82.14 in Women's C) and third roller DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (285, 107.4 in Men's A).

In the final matchup of the night, ninth place Georgetown (14 wins) faced last place Holy Cross (14 wins). This was an excellent match with lots of fine rolling.

G-Town winners included famous third roller DEBBIE POIRIER, who has definitely been eating her Wheaties this year in returning to full form. Debbie fired a 352 to raise her average to 110.1, tops in the Women's Open. Also winning for G-Town was Captain "Wild" Billy Griffin, 323-315 over new roller PAULA BURKE (Paula is our famous assistant treasurer for the Town of Agawam). "Wild" Billy leads the Men's A at 112.10.

The two winners for HC were leadoff MARSHA DOBIE (259-256 over LOU NAPOLITAN: Marsha leads the Women's C at 86.7) and second roller "Wild" BILLY ALDRICH (342, 91.18 in Men's B).



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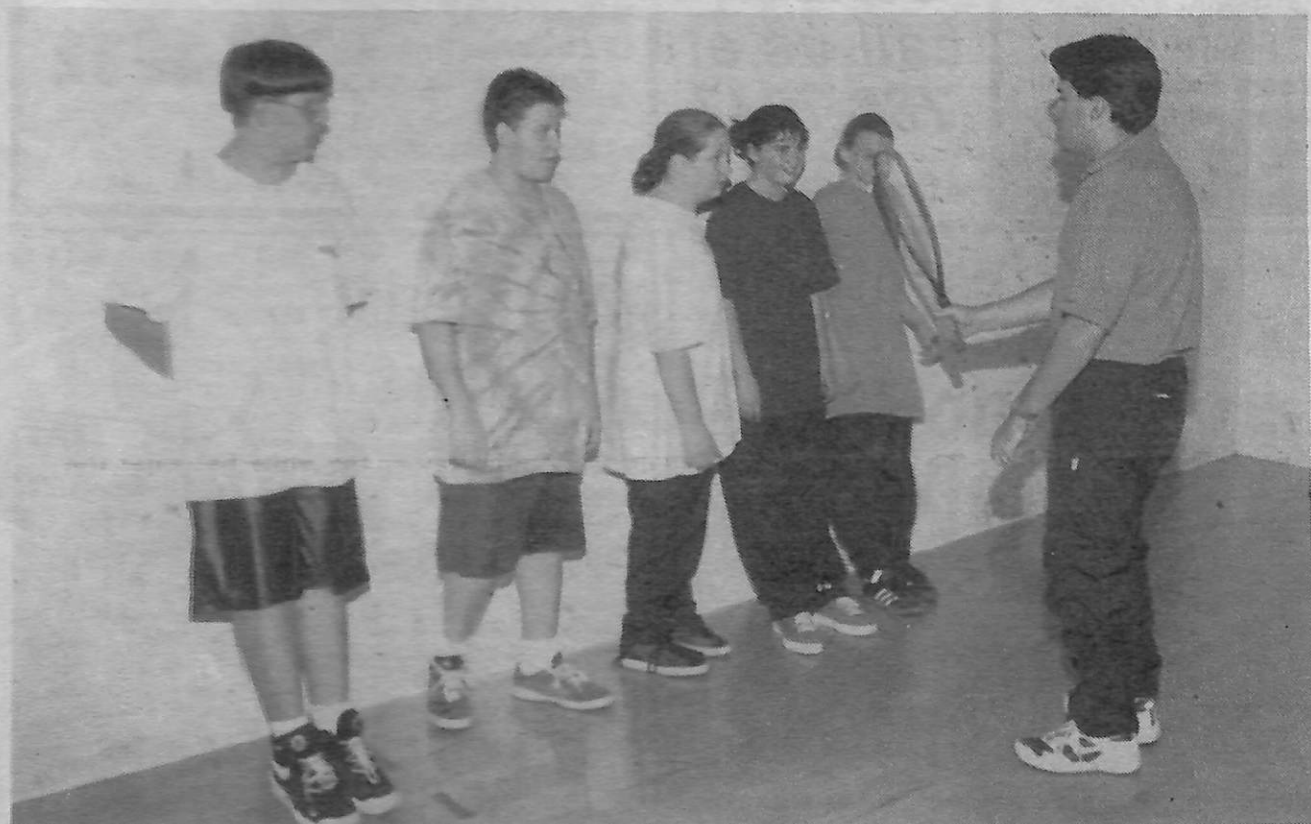
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CUB SCOUT PACK 75's "Silver Wolves" at a recently held campout at Moses Scout Reservation in Woronoco. Back row - Bryant Cesan, Matt Wier, Dan Lizotte, and Kurt Schebel; front row - Chris Lizotte, Brian Roberts, and Joey Grady.

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FITNESS CONSULTANT GREG BENOIT (far right) teaches racquetball to Jeff Zucco, Andrew Huffman, Courtney Nowill, Jamie Wilson, and Alyson Garvey. These students are involved with Fitness First's JSF (Junior Sport & Fitness) after-school program. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Pack 75 "Silver Wolves" Enjoy October Camporee

Cub Scout Pack 75's first-year Webelos (known as the "Silver Wolves") attended a camporee campout with Boy Scout Troop 75.

The campout was held at Moses Scout Reservation in Woronoco from October 18th-20th.

Both groups had a great time. Pack 75 and Troop 75 are both sponsored by Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

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Donating blood at the Mercy Hospital Blood Bank in November brings many rewards. During November, one of them is the opportunity to enjoy the family fun and excitement of Springfield Falcons hockey!

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Donors must be 18 or older (17 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds. Blood Bank hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Thursday, 8:15 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Appointments are recommended; call 748-9511 for more information.

Fundraising Dance For AHS Cheerleaders

The Agawam High School Cheerleaders are holding a fundraising dance on Friday, November 22nd at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden St., Feeding Hills.

Music will be provided by the D.J. Sound Production. Munchies, raffles, and door prizes will be available. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door.

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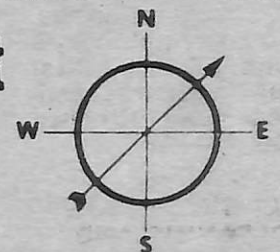


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